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Europe split haunts Major far from home

By PHILIP WEBSTER IN LONDON AND ROBIN OAKLEY IN BOGOTA

JOHN Major and his senior ministers acted last night to calm the renewed Conservative turmoil over Europe by issuing strenuous denials that the cabinet is split over the government's response to the Danish referendum.

In a move underlining the government's alarm that internal feuding over Europe is running out of control, the two cabinet ministers most closely identified with support for ditching the Maastricht treaty made plain their backing for Mr Major's policy of eventual ratification.

As Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo, the cabinet's two leading Euro-sceptics, moved to scotch talk of a rift with the prime minister, Mr Major led a concerned cabinet attempt to steady nerves. Speaking in Colombia, which he has been visiting on the way to the Earth summit in Brazil, Mr Major told a press conference

that it was "absolute nonsense" to talk of splits in the cabinet.

Mr Major made plain that his policy had been fully supported in private and public by every member of the cabinet. "There is no cabinet crisis and there is no difference of view whatever among members of the cabinet on the question of our European policy," he said.

"The treaty embodied much that we have long sought in Europe. It was worth achieving and I think it is worth keeping."

Mr Lilley, the social security secretary, took the unusual step of issuing a statement in support of Mr Major's stance. Mr Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, did not make a statement but he let it be known that he wished to be associated with Mr Lilley's comments.

Throughout the day there had been regular contact between Downing Street and the prime minister's team. Richard Ryder, the government chief whip, telephoned Mr Major to brief him about the state of backbench opinion. It was assumed at Westminster last night that their conversation had prompted the statements from Mr Portillo and Mr Lilley, although government sources suggested that a newspaper headline claiming his career was on the line had forced Mr Lilley's hand.

The disclosure by *The Times* earlier this week that Mr Lilley and Mr Portillo had attended a meeting of Euro-sceptic ministers angered Tory MPs and ministers, some of whom suggested that their action was a challenge to collective cabinet responsibility. The meeting had concluded that the Maastricht treaty was dead.

As the government bailed to play down talk of ministerial



Papers confirm identity of Hess

By MICHAEL EVANS

SECRET government papers on Rudolf Hess (above) released by the Public Records Office yesterday confirmed that the man who parachuted into Scotland in 1941 was the real deputy Führer.

Claims that the man was an impostor were given no credence in the first batch of documents made available by the Foreign Office. The official documents included Hess's dental X-rays which showed no evidence of bridgework, one of the areas previously in doubt.

The chief interrogators of Hess also provide convincing evidence in their written testimony of his identity. Lord Simon, then Lord Chancellor, said he was in no doubt that the man was Hess.

Hess flew to Scotland in a Messerschmitt with a peace proposal to end the bloodshed between Germany and Britain. The record of his interrogation by Lord Simon shows that his mission was at his own initiative and did not have Hitler's blessing. Hess complained to Lord Simon that Hitler did not allow him to fly and he had to persuade his friend, Messerschmitt, to lend him an aircraft.

After the war, Hess was sent for trial on war crime charges at Nuremberg and was sentenced to life imprisonment which he served in Spandau prison.

During his last years there he was the only prisoner, guarded by rota by soldiers from the four wartime powers, Britain, the United States, France and Russia.

US urged to act on Serbia

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush administration is coming under mounting congressional pressure to organise rapid military intervention to end the war in what used to be Yugoslavia.

Several leading senators, appalled at the bloodshed and fearful that unchecked Serb aggression could spread in an Eastern Europe riven by ethnic rivalries, have called on the White House to abandon its present reliance on sanctions. Richard Lugar, a senior Republican with influence in the White House, yesterday demanded that America obtain United Nations authorisation for military intervention and urged Nato to prepare plans "for a comprehensive use of force as thorough as that formulated for air, sea and ground forces" in the Gulf war.

The Senate foreign relations committee will adopt a resolution this morning that demands much tougher action against Serbia.

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Delors loses his temper

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

JACQUES Delors lost his temper in the European parliament yesterday after making a speech offering to make the European Commission more responsive to the peoples of the Community.

M Delors, president of the Commission, reacted angrily to a Dutch green MEP, who accused him of conspiring with Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, to diminish the powers of small member states. "It is totally false. I protest very strongly," M Delors shouted at Nel van Dijk. "You must come along with proof and that is how you talk to a bureaucrat and not in any other way."

MEPs voted by 238 to 55 in favour of continuing the Maastricht ratification process and against any renegotiation of the treaty.

In a separate speech on the so-called "Delors 2" budget

Rio switch

Jacques Delors will attend the Earth summit in Rio, it emerged yesterday. Until yesterday he was adamant that he would not attend and the EC had looked painfully under-represented at the summit. Privately Commission officials say M Delors has been angered by the decision of Carlo Ripa di Meana, the environment commissioner, not to go to Rio. He feels the Italian put his ambitions before the EC.

proposals, the Commission president said that German and British objections to pumping extra billions of pounds into Brussels at a time of economic recession were short-sighted. He said that if member states keep their EC contributions to an increase of about 1.2 per cent a year, then by 1997 an extra £7.7 billion will have flowed into

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Paris embassy puts faith in vintage diplomacy

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN PARIS

THE cordiality of the *entente* was severely tested last night when the Queen, on the second day of her state visit to France, invited President and Mme Mitterrand to a return banquet at the British embassy in Paris, and served them English wine.

Sir Ewen Fergusson, the ambassador, is famed for being the custodian of the finest cellar in the diplomatic service, and is a knowledgeable and lifelong enthusiast. However, he is paid to promote Britain, and accordingly he and a group of his senior staff sent for a dozen assorted English wines, and set about tasting them. Nine they found so unpalatable that to have served them to the president could have undone years of quiet diplomacy.

Three they found moderately ac-

ceptable, and of those they chose the 1989 Chiddington from Kent, which retails in Britain at about £6 a bottle. Hearing of this bold initiative, the French last week sent out spies to acquire some Chiddington, and run it across a few educated palates.

Jean-Paul Kauffman, the editor of the leading wine magazine, *Les Amateurs de Bordeaux*, and a former French hostage in Beirut, was appointed to be the head taster; he emerged less than enthusiastic. He thought that Chiddington was "quite an honourable wine", but was out of balance, its acidity clashing with its sweetness, and had an aggressive finish. "Jolly fair, considering," an spokesman at the embassy said of the assessment yesterday. In the middle of state visits, diplomacy is all.

At M Mitterrand's Elysée state banquet for the Queen on Tuesday,

he accompanied the *foie gras* with an exquisite Chateau d'Yquem 1981, a rich and full bodied Sauternes which, in contrast to the English who regard it as a dessert wine, the French like to drink with the first course, however rich the fare. The score at the entrée stage therefore appeared to be one-nil to France. But Sir Ewen, a physical giant of a man who loses no opportunity to parade his Scots ancestry, was not to be so easily beaten.

To accompany the Aberdeen Angus beef, Sir Ewen produced a 1964 Chateau Latour. Not only is the vineyard British-owned, the vintage is considered a cut above the 1978 Latour which M. Mitterrand offered the Queen on Tuesday with her *carre d'agneau*. All square at the pudding.

But Sir Ewen was far from done yet. To start the meal, he had offered Scottish farm salmon, the only foreign produce to which the gastro-

nomically chauvinistic French have awarded their coveted *label rouge*, the food equivalent of the *appellation controlee*. The beef, which was served on white Minton plates, was clearly a safer gambit than offering English lamb to counter Tuesday's *agneau*, which appeared on Sevres porcelain.

Sir Ewen scored a final victory on the entertainment front. M Mitterrand provided a small string orchestra from the Republican Guard; the British countered with a display of Scottish country dancing and a piper. A spokesman admitted that if the United Kingdom broke up, the culturally impoverished English embassies of the future would find it an uphill struggle to entertain dinner guests.

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ESCAPISM US STYLE



Dolly Parton's new film revives the Hollywood fairy tales of little people making good in a perfect America. *Life & Times* Page 3

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Ombudsman challenges immunity for barristers

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE protection that barristers have against complaints or legal action over their court performance is to be challenged by the Legal Services Ombudsman.

Michael Barnes, who was appointed 18 months ago to scrutinise the way the legal profession handles complaints, said yesterday that the immunity precluded him from investigating the barrister's role as court advocate. In his first annual report since taking the new post on January 1, 1991, he said the constraint was a "significant one, especially since the lay client's observation of counsel is often almost entirely confined to the court room".

Mr Barnes said yesterday: "As a non-lawyer, the immu-

nity is quite difficult for me to understand. I get the impression that even among lawyers there is debate as to how far this immunity actually stands up, and I would like to explore further with my legal advisers to see what the limits of my jurisdiction actually are." He said he was prepared to contest the boundaries of the jurisdiction, possibly through legal action.

Solicitors were criticised for failing to adhere to new rules requiring them to disclose their charges to clients, for failing to communicate with clients on progress of a case or availability of legal aid, for delay and generally giving a "poor service", and not replying to letters and telephone calls.

"Solicitors' hourly charging rates have now reached levels that for ordinary people are difficult to comprehend. It seems an increasing number of people say they are shocked when they learn the amount the bill has got to. If poor service is coupled with that, the people have got something to complain about," Mr Barnes said. He urged solicitors to give the best information on likely costs, with updates at least every six months.

Mr Barnes received 1,248 complaints in 1991 about the way the profession handled complaints, and he also inherited 672 cases from his predecessor the Lay Observer. The ombudsman has a wider remit, covering the Bar and licensed conveyancers as well as solicitors, and he has tougher sanctions.

Of the new cases, 94 per cent related to solicitors, 5 per cent to barristers and less than 1 per cent to licensed conveyancers. He upheld one third of the complaints, either recommending compensation or reconsideration of the complaint or criticising the way the complaint was handled by the professional body. Compensation awards ranged from £250 to £1,500.

Mr Barnes said the Bar and Solicitors' Complaints Bureau had made reforms. The Bar now gave reasons when rejecting a complaint and showed the complainant the barrister's response. But he would like to see the Bar moving more towards "a complaints handling system rather than a disciplinary system", awarding compensation to aggrieved clients.

Annual report of the Legal Services Ombudsman 1991. Cmnd 36 (Stationery Office, £7.85)

Pleasure boats feel heat of navy shells

By PETER VICTOR

THE Royal Navy launched an investigation yesterday after three fishing boats carrying day trippers were almost blown out of the water by shelling from a destroyer in the Channel. Live shells landed within 200 yards of one of the boats.

The three vessels — *The Offshore Rebel*, *Channel Chieftain* and *Tiger Lily* — were 18 miles off Weymouth, Dorset, and were taking a party of 30 people to fish near offshore wrecks. Shells landed either side of the *The Offshore Rebel*, which was leading the *Channel Chieftain* and *Tiger Lily* out on the trip around noon on Tuesday. According to those on board, the shells whistled over the top of the trailing boats and flew into the water a short distance from *The Offshore Rebel*. A catamaran carrying passengers from Weymouth to the Channel Islands had passed where the shells landed five minutes earlier.

Paul Whittall, skipper of *The Offshore Rebel*, said: "Two shells landed in the middle, 200 yards from me. It could have killed us all. It was so close. We were given no warning of firing in the area. I have serious doubts whether they picked us up on radar at all."

Pat Carlin, 34, captain of the *Channel Chieftain*, said anglers on his boat heard something pass overhead followed by an explosion 20 seconds later. "We were steaming along when the shells came screaming overhead. It was just like a war film. It was only by luck they didn't wipe out *The Offshore Rebel*. When the shells landed, they gave off 40ft water spouts. If they'd hit the boat it would have blown it to pieces."

The Royal Navy said yesterday that a report had been ordered from the destroyer, *HMS Southampton*, normally based at Portsmouth, which had been carrying out a live firing exercise nearby. Its commanding officer was Commander John Wotton. "HMS Southampton was firing its 4½ in gun and we have had reports that shells came down near to fishing vessels. A ship's investigation is now under way." The ship had not been firing at any target but had been checking that the gun was working properly. The enquiry will try to establish how the shells came to land where they did.

Under normal procedure, a notice to mariners is issued by the flag officer of the local naval base. This is described by the navy as a matter of courtesy rather than any ban from the area.



Hat tricks: pupils at St Clement Dane's School, Drury Lane, central London, showing off their hat-making skills during a workshop with the English National Ballet's education and community unit yesterday

Watchdog attacks lost power of local councils

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS have reduced councils to the role of agents of Whitehall, deprived of the freedom to meet the needs of local people, the head of the Audit Commission, the local government watchdog, said.

Howard Davies, who steps down as controller of the commission next month, said the power and influence of local government was likely to diminish still further. He

blamed "the sorry poll tax episode" for damaging the fiscal foundations of local government and said the balance of power between central and local government was unstable, tipped too far in the government's favour.

Writing in *Municipal Review*, the journal of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Mr Davies said that when central government

tried to determine how local services were run the result was inferior services and greater expense.

Mr Davies, who is to be director general of the CBI, said: "Increasingly, councils find themselves in the position of agents, administering government-designed programmes with relatively little discretion to vary their content to suit local circumstances. That process may well have further to go."

"When councils raise, net, only 15 per cent of their own income with the rest determined by Whitehall, and the whole is built on a government-determined spending assessment formula, there is no doubt on which foot the boot is laced."

Mr Davies said there were forces at work which would eventually contain the centralising tendencies of any government, foremost of which was "traditional British hostility to uniformity and imperial rule from London".

Europe offered hope for local democracy, too, through the principle of "subsidiarity" under which decisions are delegated to the lowest appropriate government unit. "In the long run that could mean a shift of power downwards from Whitehall to town hall."

The existing structure of local government was "robust" and most people had confidence in it. Freed from its role as an agent of central government, it could enjoy a renaissance.

Docklands hitch over estate agents

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

CANARY Wharf's administrators have been forced to drop their preferred choice of estate agents because the agents are already advising the government on its search for a new site in Docklands.

The environment department, which is looking for a new home for 2,000 civil servants, made it clear to Knight Frank & Rutley that the conflict of interest would be unacceptable. Administrators from the accountants Ernst & Young had offered the job of advising on tenants and buyers jointly to Knight Frank & Rutley and Savills but the agents turned the offer down yesterday.

Michael Soames, a senior partner from Knight Frank & Rutley, said: "Despite the fact

that it was to our financial disadvantage, we decided to stick with our existing client. You have to have some morals in this world." Advising Canary Wharf would have involved work on 4 million sq ft of space compared to the 400,000 sq ft needed by the environment department.

Ernst & Young said last night that the company had not yet found a replacement for the two agents. Whoever is appointed will be expected to devise a marketing strategy for Canary Wharf. The brief will be to find new tenants, keep existing ones happy, and ensure that companies that have promised to move there do so. The agents will also be expected to sell the development as an investment.

English table wine tickles Mitterrand palate

British winemakers have turned up their noses at our version of *appellation contrôlée*, writes Michael Hornsby

DUDLEY Quirk, owner of the 65-acre Chiddington vineyard near Edenbridge in Kent, could be forgiven for being a little jumpy this morning should any telephone calls come in from Paris. His Pinot Noir '89 was last night put to the ultimate test: the discriminating nose and tastebuds of President Mitterrand, who was served the dry white wine as guest of the Queen at a banquet at the British embassy.

If Mr Quirk was at all nervous, he was disguising it well yesterday. The French president has tasted English wine before, and that too came from Chiddington. Downing Street, with palace approval, chose another of Mr Quirk's white wines to go with the fish at the dinner held by the Queen last summer in London for G7 heads of state and government. "So far as we know Mr Mitterrand didn't spit the stuff out," Mr Quirk said.

Why is he being honoured

above other English winemakers? "I think it may be because I make wine in the French style while most English wines are made in the German manner... I keep the wine in French oak barrels, don't bottle it until 10 months after harvest and don't sell it until it is 18 months old. Most of my colleagues bottle and sell within a month."

The Pinot Noir, which won a silver medal at the International Wine and Spirit Competition in London last year, is made from a black grape that is "pressed white" to retain the flavour of the skin, but not its colour. Mr Quirk describes it as "a crisp Burgundy-style wine". Sir Ewen Ferguson, the British ambassador in Paris, personally chose the wine from 12

other English vintages and persuaded doubters at Buckingham Palace that it should be served.

Paradoxically, the Pinot Noir '89, though one of England's best wines, is still classed as "table wine", the bureaucratic euphemism for plonk, in the eyes of the European Community. This is because Britain's Quality Wine Scheme, our own still experimental version of *appellation contrôlée*, which enables home-grown vintages to be sold as quality products, was introduced only last summer. So far only eight wines from five of the 440 registered vineyards in England and Wales have applied for and been granted quality status by the Wine Standards Board.

Mr Quirk did not apply, though his Pinot Noir would

Inspectors criticise pindown council

Standards of care in Staffordshire's children's homes, which were at the centre of the pindown scandal two years ago, remain unacceptable, government inspectors have concluded. They accused social services managers of failing to act quickly enough to implement recommendations made 18 months ago. More than 100 children in four homes were subjected to harsh discipline which included the solitary confinement of teenagers, sometimes for weeks. After the scandal came to light in 1990, officials from the Health Department's social services inspectorate visited the homes and made recommendations for urgent improvements.

In a statement last night, Staffordshire county council said it had implemented 24 of the 32 recommendations made in the report and there was "substantial progress on all the others." But Tim Yeo, junior health minister, described the report as "very serious". He said: "I do take a grave view when recommendations made have not been followed up. Eighteen months may not be a very long time in the life of a large organisation, but it is a very long time in the life of a child." Ten days ago 140 "pin-down" victims were awarded compensation totalling almost £2 million.

Floating prison plan

A flat-top barge with four storeys of rooms on top, which housed troops in the Falklands while they built a garrison after hostilities ended, may be used to overcome prison overcrowding in northwest England. Home Office officials have held talks with the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company about a site on the Mersey where the vessel, which would house up to 400 prisoners, could be moored. A Home Office spokesman said the barge was one of several options being examined. Officials have visited New York to see the operation of two "floating detention facilities" which have been used for five years. An increase in the prison population and the effects of repairing Strangeways, Manchester, after it was damaged in riots have contributed to overcrowding.

GP evidence ends

The trial of Muhammed Saeed, who is accused of being a bogus doctor, came to a halt yesterday when the defence said it would offer no evidence. Saeed, 64, of Bradford, has pleaded not guilty to one charge of obtaining pay by false pretences and three of obtaining property by deception from his local health authority by falsely claiming to be a qualified doctor. During the five-week trial the court had been told that he was a fraud who stole the identity and qualifications of another man and used them to treat thousands of patients at his practice in Manningham, Bradford, for more than 30 years. The jury at Leeds Crown Court is expected to consider its verdict early next week after prosecution and defence speeches and the summing-up from Judge Baker, QC.

College heads protest

The heads of 18 Oxford colleges have joined protests against plans to redraw parliamentary constituencies in the city. As part of its nationwide review of Westminster constituencies, the boundary commission has proposed redrawing the boundary between the parliamentary divisions of Oxford East and Oxford West and Abingdon. At present the River Cherwell forms the boundary between the two constituencies which were created in 1983 when the single seat of Oxford was divided to reflect the growing population of the suburbs. Since then the population of West Oxfordshire has grown by 10 per cent while some areas in the east of the city have diminished. The commission wants to move the boundary to even the balance.

Mackay acts on fees

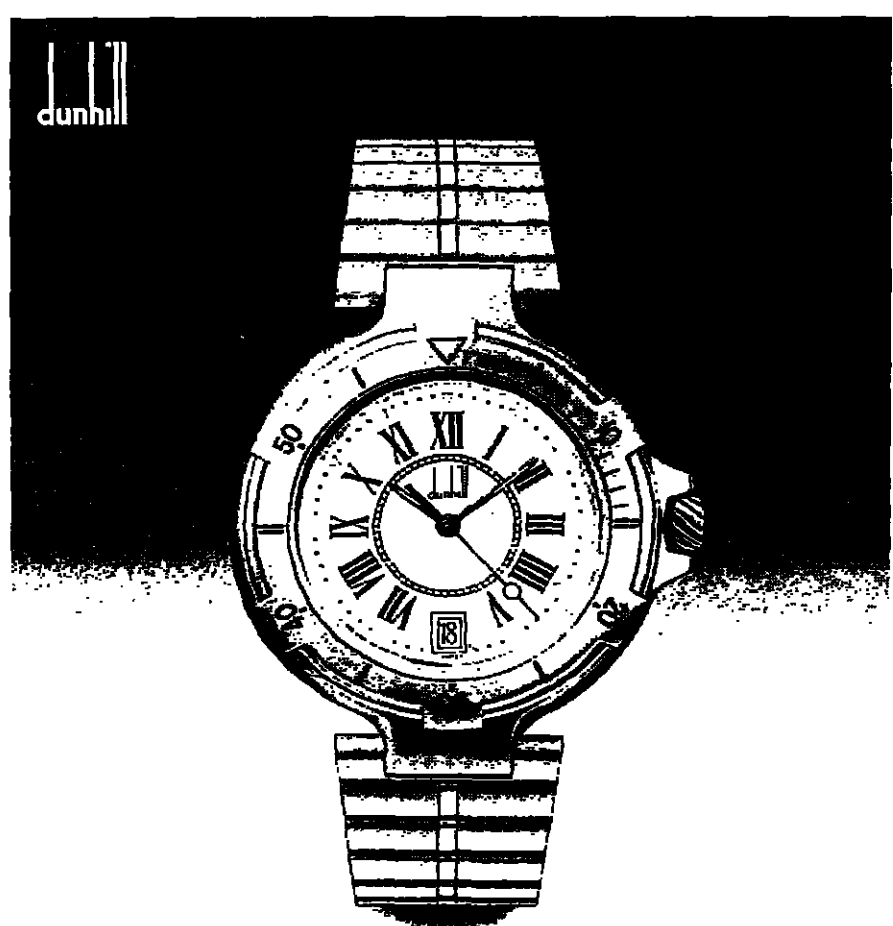
The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, signalled his intention yesterday to press ahead with proposals for fixed fees for legal aid work in magistrates' courts. Immediate criticism from the Law Society greeted the announcement that the management consultants Price Waterhouse are to conduct a survey of criminal legal aid bills. This will provide the basis of the new levels of fixed fees, to replace the present system of payment by hourly rates. The Law Society said it "deplored" the attempt to introduce fixed or standard fees while a royal commission was still considering the issue. Robert Winstanley, chairman of the society's remuneration committee, said the Lord Chancellor clearly remained intransigent and the terms of reference for the consultants were fundamentally flawed.

£6bn ports roads urged

Six billion pounds worth of new and upgraded road links are needed to improve access to the country's ports, according to a report published yesterday by the British Roads and British Ports federations. Barely a handful of the 100 or so ports in Britain are directly connected to the national motorway network with good quality roads, in spite of more than a 30 per cent real term increase in the road building budget over the past three years, the report said. The report, *Roads To The Ports*, has been timed to exert the maximum influence in the negotiations over next year's public expenditure levels, at the very moment when John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is under increasing pressure from the Treasury to trim his department's multi-billion pound spending plans.

Publisher wins award

News International, publishers of *The Times*, has won an award for local community initiatives. The Dragon Awards are made each year by Business in the Community, on behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of the City of London. They were presented last night to five London-based companies at the Lord Mayor's City Banquet at Guildhall. News International won its award for its part in the development of Greenforce, an environmental initiative that works to "green" run-down parts of Knowsley on Merseyside, where the company has a printing plant.



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Quirk: wine put to the ultimate test

certainly have qualified. Like many other English winemakers, he is annoyed at the way it was introduced. The government brought the scheme in because of EC rules stipulating that no new vines can be planted once table wine production in a country exceeds 25,000

hectolitres (3.5 million bottles) unless an approved scheme for officially recognising quality wines exists. In fact, English wine output was only 15,000 hectolitres last year and wine-makers feel the government could have got a better deal if it had been in less of a hurry.

Their main complaint is that "interspecific crosses", or hybrids, are excluded from the vine varieties eligible for the quality label, mainly at the insistence of the French, who have never allowed them.

Hybrids happen to be particularly suited to English soil and weather conditions and account for about a quarter of home production. As it happens, Seyval Blanc, one of the most widely used hybrids, featured in the Chiddington wine served at the G7 dinner last year. Presumably no one told M Mitterrand.

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Rapist who killed while on bail is jailed for life

BY LIN JENKINS

A 26-YEAR-OLD man with a history of violent and sexual offences who raped and murdered a young woman after being released on bail on another rape charge was jailed for life at Bristol Crown Court yesterday.

Andrew Hagans admitted murdering Anna McGurk, 23, a council clerk, near a riverside path in Gloucester last August. A jury convicted him of raping her at knife-point shortly before he strangled her with a piece of rope.

Mr Justice Hutchison, sentencing him to life for murder and ten years imprisonment for the rape, to run concurrently, said the circumstances of the offences were "truly horrifying".

"When I have to report to the home secretary, I will make it clear that it is apparent to me that you are plainly a danger to women generally. Those who are charged with making the decision as to when, if ever you are released, should bear that fact in mind as they should bear in mind your previous convictions and history," he said.

Mrs McGurk's death, shortly before her first wedding anniversary, has prompted demands from her

family, police, MPs and women's groups for the rules governing the granting of bail to be revised. On August 4 last year, three weeks after being released from a three-year prison term for his 28th conviction, Hagans was arrested and charged with raping a woman in Cheltenham. After a week on remand in jail he was granted bail by magistrates, despite strong opposition from police, who called two officers in evidence and gave details of his criminal history.

Eric Morgan, chairman of the bench, issued a statement saying that the bench had considered the conditions imposed to be sufficient to prevent further offending. Hagans had been ordered to live in a bail hostel and not go near Cheltenham. Sixteen days later he raped and murdered Mrs McGurk.

The judge at an earlier hearing agreed to leave the other rape charge on the file. After the hearing, Mrs McGurk's mother, Kay Potts, said that she would continue her fight to get the rules relating to bail for violent offenders changed. "These magistrates have Anna's blood on their hands. I

know Hagans killed Anna, but they let him do it. It is too late for Anna, but maybe we can stop something like this happening to another woman and her family."

Det Supt Malcolm Hart, who led the murder inquiry, said Hagans was a menace to society, a calculating criminal who progressed from petty crime to planning the rape and murder while on remand as he watched the council workers walk home across waste land.

"He was ogling the women and boasting about what he wanted to do to them. He has an air of arrogance. He's a real bragger. Nobody was safe with him on the streets."

Michael Shersby, MP for Uxbridge and parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said the decision by magistrates had been extraordinary. "The magistrates would seem to have known that this was a man with a long history of violent criminal activity. They should have listened to police, who so often have in-depth knowledge of criminals' backgrounds."

Douglas French, the MP for Gloucester, demanded a change to the rules allowing



Life cut short: Andrew Hagans, right, raped and murdered Anna McGurk, 23, after he was released on bail for another rape



magistrates to overturn police objections to the granting of bail in cases involving violence. In this case the decision had been contrary to all common sense, he said. "If they had listened to police, Hagans would not have committed this dreadful crime. The law needs to be urgently changed so that in cases of

murder, manslaughter and rape, magistrates cannot ignore well-informed police advice. In cases such as these, magistrates should not have the power to override police."

A spokesman for the Rape Crisis Centre said that given Hagans' record it was obvious he would re-offend if released on bail. "The whole

issue of bail on serious offences like this must be looked at, and fast," she said.

Hagans, of no fixed address, was placed under supervision at the age of 15 after threatening women at knife-point and indecently assaulting three of them. A year later he was again placed under supervision for three

years for burglary with intent to rape. Other offences followed.

A Home Office spokesman said there was no plan to alter the act, but that the system was under constant review. "We are acting to improve the availability of information to magistrates, which will in turn improve

the quality of their decisions."

Ray Robinson, chief probation officer for Gloucestershire, denied that his service bore any responsibility for Hagans being granted bail and said that the service shared the widespread sense of tragedy at Mrs McGurk's death.

Halford tells of 'CID drinky-poops'

POLICE on Merseyside held regular drinks sessions at their headquarters, one of which left high-ranking officers "legless and comatose", the industrial tribunal hearing Alison Halford's claim of sex discrimination was told yesterday.

The force's CID would have "drinky-poops at the drop of a hat", she told the industrial tribunal where she is claiming sex discrimination blocked her way to a series of more senior posts. "It was known as a hard-drinking force," the 52-year-old assistant chief constable told her counsel, Eldred Tabachnik, QC.

After one gathering in the suite of the police authority chairman, the then chief constable, Sir Kenneth Oxford, was led back to his office at 3am, according to an entry in Miss Halford's diary. In another, read to the Manchester hearing by Mr Tabachnik, she told of an "enormous VIP booze-up" following the CID annual inspection where nine bottles of

Scotch were consumed. Mr Tabachnik said the diary identified two of Miss Halford's colleagues as being "legless" after the celebration and spending the night at police headquarters. Another was said to be "comatose".

Asked how often officers drank during working hours, Miss Halford replied: "I could be flippant and say, in my regard, whenever the chief constable pushed the boat out. That would be an honest answer. To be perfectly fair about it, obviously the chief constable had a hospitality cupboard and would offer a drink at the end of a policy meeting. If there was an official lunch he would provide drinks before the commencement. Occasionally, there would be some impromptu drinky-poops in his office."

But Miss Halford denied being drunk in the headquarters after returning from a semi-official visit to Haydock Park races, when she was alleged to have been abusive towards David Howe, a fel-

low assistant chief constable. She said she had drunk some champagne at the racecourse. "I lost everything in sight, backed all the wrong horses and watched Princess Anne gallop past. It was very pleasant."

She said she had "burbled on" about it afterwards in the office of then deputy chief constable Jim Sharples, now chief constable. But she said it was a "wicked verbal" to allege she was drunk.

Mr Tabachnik asked her if any of her senior colleagues were ever told off or reprimanded when they over-indulged? She replied: "Not to my knowledge, no."

Earlier, she told the hearing she was "humiliated" by a ruling from Sir Kenneth that she was not to be given command of the force while he was ill. Despite being the longest-serving assistant chief constable in the force, when he was recovering in hospital and his deputy's post was vacant he had written instructions that all officers of her rank would have equal status.

She said she was told that while Sir Kenneth, now retired, was in hospital in 1988 he had told a nurse "that woman" would not run the force in his absence. Miss Halford said that because of her seniority she had stood in after the deputy chief constable left. But she said the memo from Sir Kenneth was "just another ploy to see as little responsibility as possible was given to me".

Miss Halford said: "I found the whole tone humiliating, gross in its language, although cleverly written, and a very clear indication I was not being valued in any shape or form by the chief constable despite the fact that I was doing my best to keep the force running in the absence of the chief constable and a deputy."

Miss Halford is claiming sex discrimination against Mr Sharples, the regional inspector of constabulary, the home secretary and the Northamptonshire Police Authority. The hearing continues.

Family say youth in fear was left to die

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE family of a teenager who hanged himself at a young offenders' institution last night accused the staff of leaving him to die.

They condemned the treatment given to Johnny Cash who was found hanging after being told he was to be transferred to a prison with members of a gang who had bullied and beaten him.

On the day he died he should have been told he was going to crown court rather than Rochester prison on the following morning, Joe Whitty, the governor, said that was the result of a procedural error and that if Mr Cash had been told, he might not have hanged himself.

Ned Cash, the youth's 29-year-old brother, said: "Why did they not let a doctor examine him? Instead they put him in a strip cell and let him kill himself."

Mr Cash was speaking after a jury at Hammersmith coroner's court returned an open verdict on Mr Cash who was found hanging by a sheet at Feltham Young Offenders' Institution, west London.

The jury accepted that Mr Cash, 18, from East Acton, west London, was in a state of fear after being told he was to be moved to Rochester prison. He was to be transferred with inmates who had bullied him after he "grasped" on them for abusing a cellmate.

The jury said: "Mr Cash was in a state of fear produced by the announcement that he was supposed to move to Rochester prison. He was not seen by a doctor that day and we cannot decide between suicide and an accidental verdict. We did not have any evidence about his state of mind at the time of his death."

Dr John Burton, the coroner, said that the jury had agreed its verdict by a majority of ten to one. Deborah Coles of Inquest, a prison reform group, said: "Prison officers should have addressed Johnny's fears and anxieties."

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Laura operation 'is going well'

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SURGEONS at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital said last night that the 14 hour liver and bowel transplant operation that could save the life of Laura Davies, the four-year-old British girl flown to the United States earlier this month, was going well.

A spokesman for the hospital said surgeons were made aware of a potential donor late on Tuesday night. "A procurement team was sent to the site of the donor to evaluate whether this was viable for Laura and it was decided to go ahead."

The hospital does not release details of donors and the success of the complex operation may not become clear for several days.

Laura, who was born with a perished bowel and liver failure and requires regular intravenous feeding, was on a waiting list of 15 children waiting for suitable donors and the hospital had said that

she might have had to wait several months.

Hundreds of people sent money to fund the double operation, which has never been performed in Britain. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia gave £150,000 out of a total of £350,000. Laura and her parents, Les and Fran Davies of Eccles, flew to Pittsburgh at the beginning of the month.

The director of the paediatric liver transplant programme at Pittsburgh, Andreas Tzakis, had offered to travel to Britain if Mr and Mrs Davies had decided to have the operation performed at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. The US hospital could not say whether Dr Tzakis or an assistant was performing the operation.

Doctors had said that the operation does not guarantee a cure or a normal life. Laura may have to spend up to a year in hospital if it is successful.



Laura Davies: facing another year in hospital

Islanders rebel against 'hellfire' preacher

BY KERRY GILL

THE normally green and peaceful island of Sanday, northeast of mainland Orkney, has become the centre of mounting fury over the "hellfire and brimstone" preaching manner of its resident Church of Scotland minister.

Discontent, which has bubbled on the island for the past few months, has now boiled over with demands for the minister to be sent elsewhere and the appointment of a church committee to investigate what has been described as his 19th century, evangelical style. Rev Alex Buchan, who arrived on Sanday last year, is said to have condemned the islanders' irreligious behaviour — including wild dancing and drinking — from the pulpit.

Some elders have started their

own rebel services which, despite being in contravention of church regulations, have halved Mr Buchan's congregation. Sanday's once-thriving Sunday school has virtually become defunct. Mothers boycotted the school after some of the more gruesome Old Testament stories struck terror into their children.

With the row threatening to get out of hand, Orkney Presbytery, the area church court, held a meeting on Tuesday night. After taking evidence from the elders and Mr Buchan, the presbytery appointed a superintendent's committee, to report back by Mr Buchan's preaching methods.

Myra Stockton, a teacher and elder involved in organising the rebel services at Sanday's school, told the presbytery: "While his 19th century evangelical style of preaching may be acceptable in some areas, in

Sanday it has proved to be totally unacceptable to the majority of the congregation, which is made up of people from a very wide variety of denominational backgrounds."

She said the Sunday school was attended by 46 children at the start of 1991 but was now no longer operational. "This started with the introduction of American-based evangelical material which concentrated largely on the Old Testament. It was further added to by the minister's inability to relate to children. An example of this was a story given to children in church in which he described men slashing their chests with knives and blood spurting out."

Mr Buchan, she claimed, had criticised the entire community for drinking and dancing. "He almost never shows his face at island social events such as dances because, as he

puts it, 'the noise itself is deafening and the smell is worse,'" she said, adding that he rarely used words such as "love, compassion, understanding, joy and happiness".

Mr Buchan, aged 58, accused the elders of defaming him. They had broken their ordination vows and should be disciplined for holding alternative services, he said. "We have heard about me having a 19th century evangelical style of preaching which consigns everyone to hell and that is just not true." He denied that he had castigated them for drinking and dancing, though he admitted he had complained about some of the festivities on the island on January 1. "You could hardly get to the Cross Church for the beer cans," he said. Mr Buchan planned to appeal to the Church of Scotland's commission of assembly.

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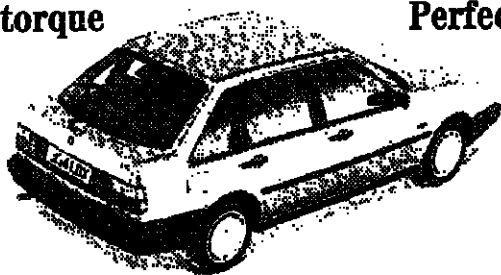


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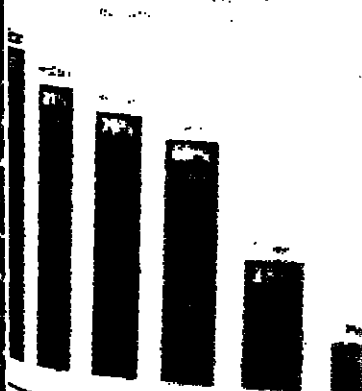


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Thousands trapped in mental hospitals by money muddle

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of mentally handicapped people are trapped in long-stay institutions because local authorities cannot get their hands on the money which could release them, a new study says.

The authorities are also being overwhelmed with demands from aging parents who can no longer cope with caring for their mentally handicapped children at home, as places in the mental handicap hospitals have declined. The needs of both parents and children are being ignored.

The study, by Values into Action, a national campaign for people with learning difficulties, says that the government should close all mental handicap hospitals, which house 25,000 people, within

eight years. Arrangements for their closure are marked by "chaos and confusion" and the NHS reforms are making matters worse, the study says.

Although the number of hospital residents has been halved in the past 20 years, there has been no organised transfer of funding. Local authorities have had no extra money to support families caring for mentally handicapped children who would otherwise have been looked after in institutions.

Jean Collins, author of the report, said: "The authorities feel these families are their first priority, so they have nothing left to bring more people out of hospital." The closure rate had now slowed, she said. But the slower the rate, the more has to be spent

on the upkeep of "doomed buildings" until the remaining residents are moved out. In one hospital earmarked for closure, £2.5 million is being spent on refurbishing the kitchens.

NHS managers are reluctant to hand over money to social services departments to provide alternative services in the community. Of the ten areas studied, Ms Collins found only two where managers on both sides were sufficiently committed to making community care work by transferring funds. "Some NHS managers said it was legally impossible to give the social services money but this is not true. The mechanisms are complex and many managers don't know how they work."

Ms Collins said that the emphasis on business viability for NHS trusts had provided a "smokescreen for the reversal of the community care policy". Hospitals which had been expected to close were expanding. "It is difficult for a trust to work towards its own closure," she said.

Tim Yeo, junior minister at the health department, said that significant progress had been made in closing the mental handicap hospitals.



Partners in time: the Spanish tenor Placido Domingo meets the Russian mezzo-soprano Olga Borodina in London yesterday before they appear in *Samson et Dalila* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden from Saturday. His performances mark the 21st anniversary of his Covent

Garden debut. Some shows will be relayed by video screen to crowds in the Covent Garden Piazza. Domingo, 52, said it was the excitement of his roles that made him many fans see him as a sex symbol. "It never occurred to me I might be a heart-throb. The tenor voice is dangerous."

Equality body defends race record

By RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Day, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, has defended the commission's own record on employment and race practices in the wake of criticism by black and Asian women employees that it failed to provide them with equal opportunities.

"We must provide a model of good practice as an organisation concerned with equal opportunities and working to promote good relations between different racial groups," he said when introducing the commission's annual report yesterday.

It reported that it has received more than 300 submissions on changes to the Race Relations Act, including 50 from groups, mainly Muslim, who want the law to intervene in the area of religious discrimination.

Almost £500,000 was paid in damages and settlements as a result of race discrimination cases during 1991. The number of people seeking help from the commission during the year rose by 20 per cent to 1,655.

The commission called for the home secretary to be given powers to order ethnic monitoring in companies and in areas such as housing and education, as part of tougher laws to combat racial discrimination.

Scientists develop the green bottle

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITISH consumers anxious to display their green credentials might soon have the chance to dispose of their old plastic bottles by tossing them on the compost heap.

ICI yesterday announced that it has boosted production of its biodegradable plastic, Biopol, to 300 tonnes a year and a British packaging company, HPL, has begun making cosmetic containers from the material.

Biopol is a natural polymer made by the bacterium *Alcaligenes eutrophus*, which creates it as a means of storing carbon and energy in the same way as the human body stores fat. ICI produces the material in its Billingham plant on Teesside by feeding the bacteria in large fermenters with glucose. The bacteria then produces the polymer.

The polymer can then be made into films, fibres or bottles which are durable in normal use but rot when dumped in a properly managed landfill site or domestic compost heap. David Barstow, general manager of biopolymers at ICI, says that a Biopol film would degrade in ordinary soil in about a week, while a bulkier object like a bottle might take a couple of years.

He expects production to increase to 5,000 tonnes by the mid 1990s.

Future worries caring parents

FOR 29 years, May Bewsher has bathed, clothed, fed and comforted her daughter Sarah, who was brain damaged at birth. Sarah cannot walk or speak. She is doubly incontinent, epileptic and diabetic. She sleeps sporadically, gnaws at her fingers until they are red and sore and needs regular exercising to keep her lungs clear (Jeremy Laurance writes).

But Mrs Bewsher, who was widowed more than 20 years ago, is now aged 68. She has arthritis and tires easily. "I do worry what will happen to Sarah. I hope I outlive her — then I feel awful thinking about it," she said.

Twenty years ago, Sarah would have gone into institutional care as she approached adulthood. But now, as the mental handicap hospitals have closed, there is no place for her. People moved out of the hospitals under the closure programme of the past two decades were provided for in the community. But those already in the community have got nothing.

The problem has been compounded by a boom in the young adult handicapped. They were born in the sixties, when doctors learnt how to save many babies who earlier would have died. (By the seventies, advanced screening techniques reduced the number born again.)

Now their parents are aging and some have died. "There are women in their eighties and nineties who are still getting their children up in the morning," Matthew

Griffiths, head of education and training at Mencap, said. "They go to bed at night not knowing what will happen if they don't wake up."

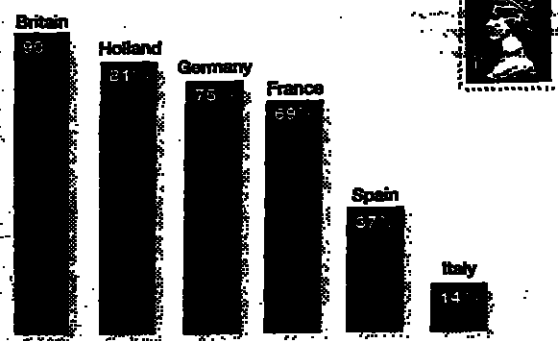
The scale of the problem facing health and local authorities is huge. Some warn that a social catastrophe is looming. In one region alone, North West Thames, over 2,400 mentally handicapped people with an average age of 30 are living at home. Almost half their parents are aged over 60. "We calculate that 50 to 60 sets of parents will die every year so their children will need providing for," Professor Ben Sacks, of the department of mental handicap at Charing Cross Hospital, said.

Cliff and Lena Hawkins share Mrs Bewsher's fear of what will happen when they die. Their daughter Linda, 31, was brain damaged at birth after Mrs Hawkins was left in labour for 48 hours before having an emergency caesarean. Linda babbles constantly, has abrupt changes of mood, sleeps poorly and can kick or scratch unpredictably. "We get no sleep," Mrs Hawkins said. "She screams and shouts all night and throws things across the room."

The couple's health is suffering. Both in their early fifties, Mrs Hawkins has had breast cancer and her husband suffers from high blood pressure and has had a deep vein thrombosis. "We are thinking seriously about what will happen in the future," he said. "It is disturbing."

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Britain's letters are first past the post

BY NICHOLAS WATT

BRITAIN has the quickest postal system of the European Community's six major countries, with 90 per cent of first class letters delivered on time. Italy trails in last place with 14 per cent arriving on time, according to an independent survey published yesterday. Announcing the survey results, Bill Cockburn, Royal Mail's managing director, said: "This confirms our position as the fastest and best value-for-money postal service in the EC." Britain's nearest competitor in the survey was Holland, with 81 per cent delivered on time. Germany, which charges the equivalent of 34.8p for next-day delivery, compared with Britain's 24p, managed a rate of 75 per cent.

Italy's performance was even worse on long distance letters that should arrive overnight, with none delivered on time, compared with 85 per cent in Britain. Royal Mail hopes the results will help entice multinational companies to Britain. "We want to sell Britain strongly as the mail-

ing centre of Europe," he said.

It was a considerable improvement on Royal Mail's performance four years ago, when 74.5 per cent of first-class letters arrived the day after posting. But Mr Cockburn said he was still looking for improvements and Royal Mail would be spending more than £1.6 billion over the next five years.

He unveiled a £1.5 million computerised laser system that will link the Royal Mail with the postal systems of France, Germany and Ireland. Royal Mail sends 217 million letters and packets to the three countries each year and the system, known as Computer Aided Post in Europe, will track mail bags at each stage of their journey.

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Unveiled war papers reveal dental records proving that Spandau inmate was Hitler's former deputy

Records confirm Hess was on personal mission

THE arrival of Rudolf Hess in Scotland on May 10, 1941, was one of the most bizarre incidents of the second world war. Churchill's private secretary said: "There has never been such a fantastic occurrence."

Hess came with a personal mission to make peace between Britain and Germany. His dream was doomed to failure. He believed that there was a genuine opposition to the government which could be stirred up to take his peace proposals seriously, when in fact the politicians and the people were united behind Churchill.

The Hess mission has generated countless books, many of them adding fuel to the conspiracy theories which have flourished largely because the records have remained locked away. The announcement by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, last week that the Hess papers were to be released presented the first opportunity to see whether the remaining mysteries of the affair could be cleared up.

The first batch was released at the Public Records Office yesterday. The rest are to be released over the next few weeks, although one document is being withheld for national security reasons.

So, was the pilot who parachuted from his burning Messerschmitt into a farmer's field near Dungavel, home of the Duke of Hamilton, Rudolf Hess or an impostor? If it was Hess, was his "mission of peace" authorised by Hitler? And was the whole incident a plot by M16 to lure Hess to Britain?

In one of the more celebrated books, Dr Hugh Thomas, a British army surgeon who treated Hess in Spandau where he was held for 40 years until he died, aged 93, in 1987, said that the inmate was not the former deputy fuhrer. He claimed there was no trace of scarring on the prisoner's chest which would have been expected as Hess received a bullet wound in

Secret documents
threw new light
yesterday on
Hess's flight to
Britain, reports
Michael Evans

the first world war. Dental records could be the crucial factor. In Hess, a tale of two murders, Dr Thomas said he had been assured by Kathe Heusermann, assistant to Hess's pre-war dentist, that the deputy fuhrer had no bridgework. Her surgery records, disappeared in the 1945 siege of Berlin, Dr Thomas said if the dental x-rays showed bridgework, the man who landed in Scotland and was later jailed for life at Nuremberg was not Hess.

Yesterday's released papers appear to resolve these key problems. Those who interviewed him, especially Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor, were convinced that he was whom he claimed. There is no doubt recorded in any of the reports and letters, all of which were due to have stayed classified until 2017.

The dental records also reveal no sign of bridgework. So, unless Kathe Heusermann was mistaken about Hess's treatment, prior to 1941, the x-rays would appear to provide conclusive evidence that Hess, the man who parachuted into Scotland and the prisoner of Spandau were one person.

Final judgments on Hess's motives for coming to Britain and the possible involvement of M16 will have to rest until the government releases all the papers, including those of M16. Intelligence records have traditionally been kept from public gaze and yesterday's release of papers made no reference to Sir Stewart Menzies, M16 chief at the time of Hess's flight to Britain, and one of the senior officials known to have been involved in his case.

Hess took off from Augsburg, 800 miles from Britain,

at 3.45pm on May 10, 1941. He was plotted flying over the Northumberland coast and attempts were made to shoot him down. But he was travelling too fast. He landed by parachute at Eaglesham, south of Glasgow, where he was confronted by a startled farmer and arrested by the Home Guard.

Hess, wearing a leather flying jacket, said his name was Captain Alfred Horn of the Luftwaffe and that he had an urgent message for the Duke of Hamilton, Scotland's premier peer, who was a wing commander in the area. The duke was the first of several important people to talk to Hess in the days and weeks that followed. They were to include Lord Simon Ivone Kirkpatrick, a senior Foreign Office official, who had served at the embassy in Berlin and had met Hess, and later Lord Beaverbrook.

The declassified papers serve to confirm the evidence already produced in numerous books. Hess was on a personal mission without the direct authority of Hitler. While he was confined in by Hitler, as an intimate associate, Hess was not a member of the inner circle around the dictator and knew nothing of operational secrets and strategic thinking.

The interrogation by Lord Simon, who introduced himself to Hess as Dr Guthrie, exposed a man who believed that fate dictated he should take it upon himself to forge a peace with Britain to prevent further slaughter.

Many times he was asked whether Hitler had sent him. He denied it on each occasion. This was, he said, "a self-imposed" mission. His failed attempt to change the course of the war and of history turned Hess into a disillusioned and depressed figure. His letters home, also released yesterday, give the impression of a man indulging in sentimental musings about what life would be like once the war was over and he had returned to his family.



Right hand man: Hess with Hitler, but he was not a member of the inner circle

There is no indication of pre-arrangement for his fate.

His loving letters to his family, especially to wife Ilse and young son, Buz, are countered by a report from Brigadier J. R. Rees, consultant psychiatrist of the army, who tended Hess during his captivity in Britain. He wrote that he had suffered from "periodic spells of depression and generalised nervousness... he is suffering from insomnia and from attacks of abdominal discomfort".

Was Hess mad? According to his British interrogators he showed all the signs of a mental condition. His peace mission was his obsession and when he realised that he had failed, he tried to commit suicide on June 15, 1941, by leaping over the stairwell at Mytchett Park, an interrogation centre near Aldershot to which he was moved from Scotland.

Hess's obvious lack of knowledge of Hitler's long-term strategies is underlined in Lord Simon's interrogation. Stalin was convinced that Hess had told the British that Hitler was planning an attack on Russia. On June 22, 1941, six weeks after Hess's flight, Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa against Russia. Asked about a possible invasion of Russia, Hess merely laughed and dismissed the "rumours".

Enter the man who can save Britain

TWO senior British figures, both appearing under false names, were selected for the crucial interrogation of Rudolf Hess after he had arrived in Scotland on May 10, 1941. The interrogation lasted nearly three hours during which time Hess portrayed himself as the man who could save Britain from certain defeat.

Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor but posing as Dr Guthrie, a psychiatrist, and Ivone Kirkpatrick, a senior Foreign Office official calling himself Dr Mackenzie, supported by a German witness, Herr Maass, an interpreter, Captain Barnes, and a secretary, Lieutenant Reade, questioned Hess on June 9, 1941, between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Hess is referred to throughout the written account of the interrogation as Jonathan.

Hess did most of the talking, interrupted occasionally by Lord Simon, who wished to clarify certain points. Hess appeared in no hurry to explain why he had dropped out of the sky so unexpectedly.

In a detailed, 16-page handwritten letter, dated the following day, Lord Simon said he had reached "very definite" conclusions about Hess. First of all,

A three-hour interrogation of Hess left the chief inquisitor with the picture of a confused man on a freelance mission

Hess had come on his own initiative. "He had not flown over on the orders, or with the permission or previous knowledge of Hitler," he said.

"It is a venture of his own. If he achieved his purpose and got us to negotiate with a view to the sort of peace Hitler wanted, he would have justified himself and served the Fuhrer well. When he contemplates the failure of his 'mission', he becomes emotionally dejected and fears he has made a fool of himself. I see no reason to infer that he fled from Germany in fear of his life."

Hess kept on asking for a further meeting with the Duke of Hamilton, under the "delusion" that "der Herzog", as he called him, would be the means of getting him in touch with people "of a different view from the 'clique' who are holding Hess prisoner". Hess wanted to see the duke because he had been advised by a mutual friend, Dr Albrecht Haushofer, that he would be amenable to Hess's overtures.

Dr Haushofer had written to the duke on September 23, 1940, from Berlin, offering to meet him in Lisbon. The letter was intercepted and passed to M15 and the duke was asked to go to Lisbon to see what it was all about.

The meeting never took place and the declassified documents show that the duke had no inkling that the invitation to Lisbon had anything to do with Hess.

Lord Simon said he was convinced that Hess had made his unauthorised flight to Scotland because his position and authority in Germany had declined, "and that if he could bring off the coup of early peace on Hitler's terms, he would confirm his position as Hitler's chief lieutenant".

Hess provided Lord Simon with an "exhaustive" description in general terms of the pending increase of German military strength and emphasised again and again that German victory was certain.

Eventually, Hess came to "my plan". Peace between

Germany and Britain could be arranged provided there was an agreement that Germany would retain its "sphere of influence" over continental Europe, leaving Britain to control its empire, although ex-German colonies, including Southwest Africa, would have to be returned.

"It is clear to me that Hess's plan is his genuine effort to reproduce Hitler's own mind, as expressed by him in many consultations," Lord Simon said. Hess would never dream of making such proposals on his own, he said.

Hess disclosed that he had been considering a mission to Britain for some time and had made plans to leave Germany on four separate occasions.

Lord Simon drew attention to Hess's mental condition. At the close of the interview, Hess asked to be alone with Lord Simon and "the self-control he had exhibited when others were present was no longer maintained".

He made an extraordinary accusation that he was being poisoned by his British captors. He also claimed that noises were deliberately being made at night to prevent him sleeping.

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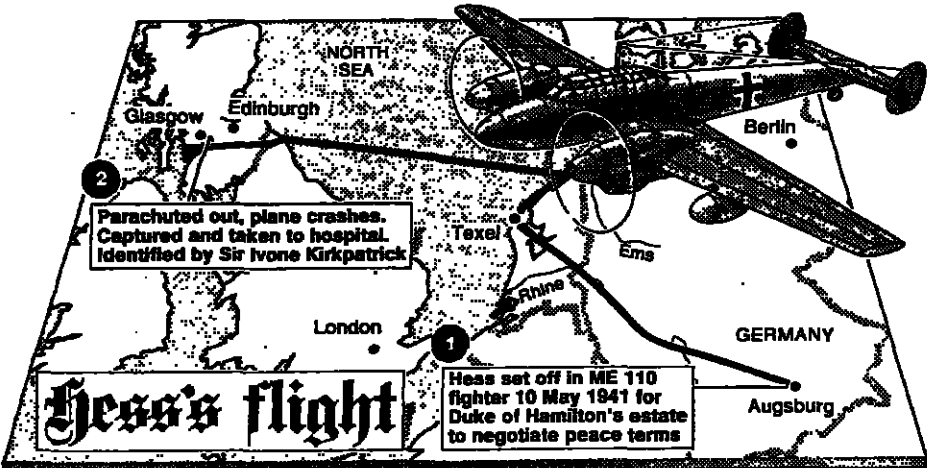
BERLIN ON HESS'S "MENTAL
DISORDER"

It was announced late last night from 10, Downing Street that Rudolf Hess, Hitler's Deputy, had flown from Germany to Scotland. He had jumped by parachute and landed near Glasgow, where he is at present in hospital suffering from a broken ankle. He brought with him photographs to prove his identity.

Headline news: how *The Times* reported the Hess incident on May 13, 1941



Mission impossible: an army officer examines the wreckage of Hess's Messerschmitt



Suicide note paid tribute to fuhrer

RUDOLF Hess wrote two suicide notes before he tried to take his own life by throwing himself over the stairwell at an interrogation centre near Aldershot. In two letters, to Hitler and to his family, he made it clear he wanted to die (Michael Evans writes).

To Hitler he wrote: "My last greeting is for you who have made my life meaningful for two decades. You made my life worth living again after the collapse of 1918. For you and for Germany I have been able to be active and serve."

He asked Hitler to accept his thanks "from all my heart" for everything he had given him. "I write these lines in clear recognition of the fact that I have no other way out, as difficult as this end is for me. I commend my relatives, including my old parents, to your charge."

Ending his letter with "heil mein fuhrer" and signing "your loyal Rudolf Hess", he wrote: "I die in the conviction that my last mission, even though it ended in death, will somehow bear fruit."

The letter was dated June 14, 1941. On the same day he wrote to his family, sending his "nice greeting" as "I'm forced to end my life". He said he had no other choice. Even his plan to kill himself failed. He injured his leg but survived the fall the next day.

After that, according to a mass of letters sent to relatives

and friends, all censored by M15, Hess settled down to a way of life which included a daily visit from a doctor.

When he mentioned this in a letter home, M15 blacked it out because it was feared Dr Goebbels, the German propaganda minister, "might tear it from the context and proclaim that he was now in a miserable state of health owing to our treatment of him". That could have led to Hess's repatriation, something the British government wanted to avoid at all costs. There were similar concerns when Hess mentioned in one letter home that he feared he was being poisoned.

Although his letters were mostly harmless ramblings of a man missing his family, he made personal complaints about the way he was being treated in protests to his jailers.

When he landed, his effects, including a camera, photographs of himself and his son and medicines, were seized. He asked for them back but his request was refused. There is no mention in the papers released yesterday of any letter to King George VI, which has been claimed in one book on the Hess affair.

Hess also asked for a piece of his crashed plane as a memento. This, too, was refused. However, his jailers agreed to give him books he requested, including a copy of *Three Men in a Boat*.

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Judges cannot sway treatment of baby

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

COURTS will not order doctors to carry out treatment against their clinical judgment, Lord Donaldson of Lynton, the Master of the Rolls, said yesterday.

To do so would be "an abuse of power". He was giving the Court of Appeal's reasons for refusing last week to order doctors to put a severely brain-damaged boy on a life support machine if his condition deteriorated.

Delimiting the limits beyond which courts will not interfere in the doctor-patient relationship, Lord Donaldson said he could "not conceive of any circumstances" in which such an order would be right. The Master of the Rolls repeated what he had said in a previous case: "No doctor can be required to treat a child, whether by the court in the exercise of its wardship jurisdiction, by the parents, by the child or anyone else."

Lord Donaldson and Lords Justices Balcombe and Leggatt had overturned a High Court order won by the baby's mother that a London health authority must make

available drugs and equipment to prolong his life pending a full court hearing over his future next week.

The 16-month-old boy, referred to only as Baby J, suffered severe injuries in a fall. Cared for by devoted foster parents, he is paralysed, blind, suffers from epilepsy, has to be fed by tube and is totally dependent on others. He has such a poor chance of life that doctors oppose putting him on a ventilator.

Lord Donaldson said a doctor's duty to his patient was to carry out treatment in accordance with his best clinical judgment, even though others not involved might disagree with him. The order granted to the mother by Mr Justice Waite in the High Court was wholly inconsistent with the law as stated in previous cases. The order also left the health authority uncertain as to what was required of it and did not adequately take into account the fact that authorities faced with too few human and material resources had to make choices as to which patients to

treat. "It has to be borne in mind that artificial ventilation of a young child in an intensive care unit is highly intensive of highly skilled staff," he said.

The judge emphasised the court was not ruling out Baby J being placed on a ventilator. The situation might change and the decision must be taken in the light of existing circumstances, he said.

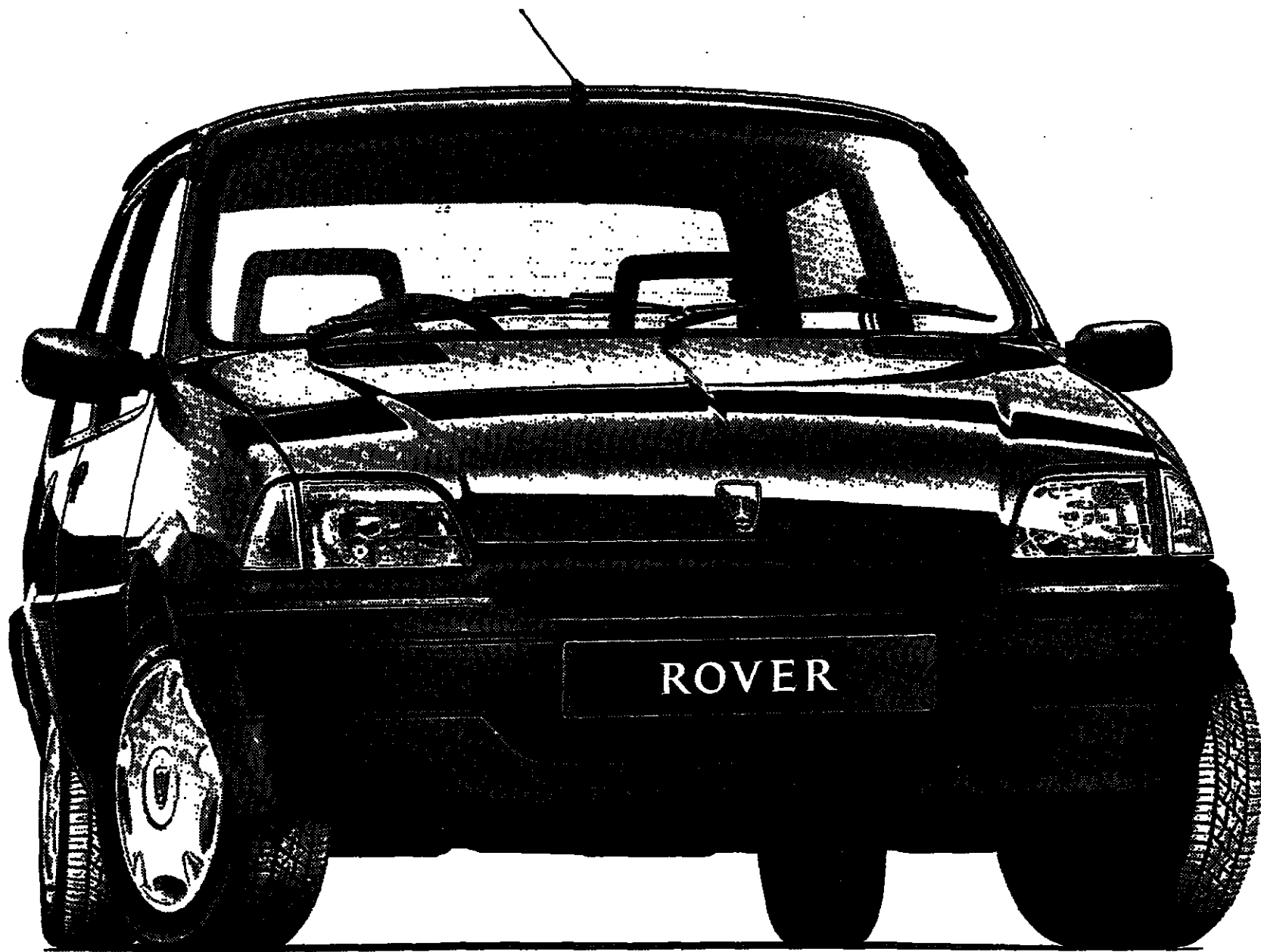
Lord Justice Balcombe pointed out that to order a doctor to treat a child contrary to his or her clinical judgment would place a conscientious doctor in an impossible position — either obey the order or disobey and be accused of contempt of court. "Any judge would be most reluctant to punish the doctor for such contempt, which seems to me a very strong indication that such an order should not be made."

Lord Justice Leggatt said: "The reality is that the court has not given to doctors any right they did not previously have. It has merely declined to deprive them of a power which it is for them alone to exercise."



Past recreated: the Aileach on Loch Moidart on the eve of her voyage. The galley's design is based on medieval Celtic carvings

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Longboat charts course of history

BY KERRY GILL

A REPLICA of a twelfth century Celtic galley sailed from the west coast of Scotland yesterday on a 400-mile voyage to the Faeroes and Shetland, using only sail and oar. It will trace the ancient trading routes of the sea kingdom once ruled by the MacDonald clan.

By reviving the skills of longboat sailing and navigation, the voyage will aid research into Scotland's medieval history and the origins of the Celtic revival in the Hebrides. The design of the Hebridean boat, which has a crew of eight, was based on medieval Celtic carvings found on Harris and in Iona cathedral.

Fittingly, it was built last year by MacDonald Brothers, a wooden boatbuilding yard in Donegal. Named *Aileach*, after a fourth century Celtic princess, the vessel

underwent rigorous testing in coastal waters before being pronounced safe for the open Atlantic.

The Faeroes were occupied by Irish and Scottish monks during the eighth century but were later overrun by Vikings. Vessels similar to the *Aileach* eventually broke the Vikings' sea power and the area returned to Celtic rule in the twelfth century.

No support ship will accompany the *Aileach* and the crew will be at the mercy of the sea once the longboat leaves Stornoway in the Western Isles, although life rafts will be carried. Among the crew on the voyage, which is sponsored by a malt whisky manufacturer, is Andrew Rogers of Glasgow University, who will test the performance and design of the longboat.



The blue tit: cheating on its partner

Blue tits play fast and loose

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE blue tit's reputation for monogamy is exaggerated. Not only do both sexes engage in affairs behind their partner's backs, but females are apparently able to select the fittest males with whom to conduct these discreet liaisons.

An exhaustive 12-year study in a Belgian wood has shown that males who father more young and live longer enjoy more pestering by footloose females. Males who are smaller survive less well, father fewer young and are more likely to be deserted. A team led by Bert Kempenaers of the University of Antwerp studied a colony of more than 80 blue tits, establishing the parentage of the young through genetic fingerprinting. Blood samples were taken from adults caught temporarily in traps and from 14-day-old nestlings to establish which males were the most successful in fathering young, both with their own mates and with other females.

Reporting the results in *Nature*, Dr Kempenaers says that some males get far more attention from females than others. Females paired with these attractive males do not leave them when they are fertile, while females paired with unattractive males — those who seldom get propositioned by other females — often visit neighbouring males.

Monogamy would appear to be a cover for a much more subtle strategy that is designed to ensure that the fittest survive while the weak die out.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospital death case remand

A roofer aged 20 was remanded in custody yesterday charged with murdering Graeme Woodhatch in the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, last month.

Deith Bridges, of Camden, northwest London, was arrested on Sunday. He did not speak during the 15-minute hearing at Hampstead magistrates' court, northwest London and was remanded in custody for eight days. There was no application for bail.

Mr Woodhatch, 38, a contractor roofer who had been in the hospital for treatment for haemorrhoids, was shot on May 24 as he spoke on the telephone.

Locos saved

Two steam locomotives taken out of service in Poland have been saved from the scrapyard and sent to the Midland Railway Centre in Ripley, Derbyshire, where volunteers have spent £20,000 restoring them.

Park protest

BT is to be prosecuted by the North York Moors National Park committee over its removal last month of a green grade two listed telephone box from Fangdale Beck, Bilsdale.

Crash award

Anthony Gould-Davies, 35, a sound recordist from Reigate, Surrey, won £125,000 High Court damages for the death of his wife and their unborn child in a crash.

Second wind

South Lakeland planners are supporting an amended wind farm plan with 12 three-bladed turbines on Kirkby Moor, overlooking the Lake District National Park.

Longest drop

Fifteen Royal Marine commandos from Plymouth are to abseil 1,465ft down the world's highest building, the CN tower in Toronto, on July 1, Canada Day.

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Labour makes its peace with opt-out schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday called a truce with grant maintained schools, although the party will continue to oppose opting out and selective education in principle.

The softer line, contained in an advice note to Labour's National Executive Committee, may lead to a retreat from the policy of returning all grant maintained schools to their local authorities. A review team will make recommendations to a party conference before the next election.

Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, said: "The landscape is going to be different in four years' time and the rest of education policy is not what's best for the bureaucrats or the system but what is best for the children."

Until a final decision is made, Labour-controlled councils will be urged to drop their hostility towards schools choosing to opt out. Local conferences will be organised to discuss the role of education authorities, but the party will not support the so-called mass opt-outs being considered in some areas. Some councils may also run a referendum of parents.

John Patten, the education secretary, accused Labour of

capitulation. "Within just weeks of the general election, Labour's stance on opting out has gone from vehement opposition to grudging acceptance. Labour has once again moved on to the Conservatives' agenda. It has been persuaded by the arguments of thousands of parents, teachers and school governors who are voting with their feet and taking their schools out of the stranglehold of local education authority control. I now predict that within 12 months the Labour party's capitulation over our education reforms will be complete."

Mr Straw, however, argued that Labour was simply recognising the consequences of its election defeat. "The community of schools is under threat of being broken up, but parents and governors may feel bound to make decisions about what they think is best for their school. Labour must not appear to be placed in a hostile position of opposition to such parents."

The advice note, which was approved by local government leaders, urges education authorities to reduce their role, adopt an even-handed approach to opt-out schools and try to gain con-



Classroom truce: Jack Straw, left, and David Blunkett announcing Labour's new education policy yesterday

tracts to sell them services. Councils should be ready to support opt-out schools where parents and governors see them as the best way forward. Labour still believes, however, that opting out will lead to a two-tier education system with no improvement in stan-

dards. "Opting out will mean selection by the back door, less parental choice, fewer parental rights," said Mr Straw. "It is an essentially anarchic process, lacking coherence or rigour." The rethink aimed "to make sure that the Tories

bear full responsibility for what they have unleashed". Mr Straw highlighted Wandsworth, in southwest London, where parents and governors at three schools were considering opting out to retain their comprehensive status in the face of the Con-

servative council's moves to introduce selection.

Bob Balchin, the chairman of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation, said: "I would be very pleased indeed to think that Jack Straw would be successful in persuading his local government

colleagues to cease their vicious hostility against grant maintained schools, although I'm doubtful that he will be."

The change of policy was criticised by the Socialist Educational Association, which is affiliated to Labour. "This appears to be a sell-out. The policy has been made without proper consultation within the party and we shall be making an official complaint," Graham Lane, the general secretary, said. "You cannot have it both ways, either schools want local education authority support or they opt out."

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, called for a new partnership between schools and local communities. "All schools should have greater flexibility in relation to the national curriculum and be allowed to control their own financial management," he said. "LEAs should be stripped of many of their current powers but should take on responsibility for strategic planning, quality control and an A-level role in disputes between governors and staff."

He said present opt-out arrangements had left the government "like Dr Frankenstein creating a monster over which it has little control".

AROUND THE LOBBY

Cyclists saved by helmets

Studies by the Transport Research Laboratory show head injuries to cyclists involved in accidents would be sharply reduced if helmets were universally worn.

In a written reply, Kenneth Carlisle, the roads and traffic minister, said that 239 cyclists were killed and 3,939 seriously injured. Of those taken to hospital, 53 per cent had head injuries. Had helmets been worn, about 11 per cent of serious injuries would not have occurred and further 18 per cent would only have been slight.

The government will continue to encourage the wearing of helmets, but has no plans to make them compulsory.

130,000 boat people settled

Almost 130,000 Vietnamese boat people have been resettled throughout the world since 1979, according to a written reply from Alastair Goodlad, a Foreign Office minister. The vast majority have gone to the United States and Canada, but more than 14,000 have come to the United Kingdom.

In another reply, Mr Goodlad said that at present there were 54,686 Vietnamese migrants in the camps in Hong Kong.

Tests fall

The number of applications for driving tests fell in 1990-1 for the third consecutive year. The total number of learners applying for tests was 151,000, 20,000 down on the previous year and 30,000 down on the year before.

Homes sold

About 51,900 council dwellings were sold last year under the right to buy legislation. Tony Baldry, an environment minister, said in a written reply. Of these, 13,900 were flats.

Job prospects

For every 100 people who join employment training, 33 are in employment or self-employment three months after leaving. Patrick McLoughlin, employment under-secretary, said.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime minister. Debate on science and technology. Lords (3): Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Disclosure of Information) bill and Education (Amendment) bill, second readings.

Tax help for small business

By ROBERT MORGAN

THE government's policy of reducing corporation tax for small businesses has led to a vibrant and vigorous small company sector, Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, said in a Commons debate yesterday. Since the Tories came to power in 1979, 400,000 businesses had been created and were active, he said.

Speaking as MPs started the lengthy committee stage of the Finance bill, which puts into effect the Budget proposals announced in early March, Mr Dorrell emphasised the importance the government attached to the small business sector.

MPs endorsed a clause in the bill which maintains corporation tax for small companies at the present level whereby the first £250,000 of profit is taxed at 25 per cent.

For Labour, Chris Smith said they had no quarrel with the proposed rate, but ministers failed to understand that the number of people out of work had been rising inexorably over the past two years and government policies had done nothing whatever to assist.

He said ministers should do something to ease the difficulties caused by the uniform business rate, and that there should be measures to deal with the late payment of bills. Judith Chaplin, the new Tory MP for Newbury, making her maiden speech, said that while VAT on bloodstock sales was 17½ per cent in Britain, in France and Ireland it was lower.

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Losses at Lloyd's put art on market

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

HUGE financial losses suffered by Lloyd's names will lead to a flurry of sales of art and treasures, the former chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund told peers yesterday.

Lord Charteris of Amisfield said: "So many people who have suffered terrible losses on Lloyd's are going to put their houses and works of art on the market." He called on the government to make more funds available to prevent Britain's finest treasures being exported.

During a debate on exports of works of art, peers welcomed last week's decision by David Mellor, the national heritage secretary, not to list up to 3,000 "moveable" works of art to prevent them being sold abroad. There had been fears that the compilation of the list and the consequent drop in value of treasures would be preceded by a rash of exports.

Lord Charteris said that the memorial fund, which has spent £150 million on buying treasures to stay in the nation's heritage, had "kept the rumpus out of political arena", but he warned peers that it would return to the political arena if funding was not increased.

Lord Annan, the former National Gallery chairman, who introduced the debate, called on the government to use the proposed national lottery to augment the memorial fund.

Viscount Astor, replying for the government, confirmed that money received from the national lottery would be additional to existing funding. He said that "extremes of fashion and fancy" of the art market had led to some inflated prices. Prudent public spending should not try to keep up with such surges.

He said that Mr Mellor was aware of calls for an extra £15 million for purchasing funds and would use expertise gained from his previous posts as arts minister and Treasury chief secretary in the next public expenditure round.

Shadow cabinet sidesteps party's divisions over EC

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership yesterday survived a procedural shambles to preserve its fragile unity on the future of the European Community.

At the end of a packed meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, MPs declined to take votes on proposals calling for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty and for the party to decide now to oppose any attempt by the government to reintroduce the treaty. Faced with a vote it could by no means have been confident of winning, the shadow cabinet was happy to withdraw its own suggestions for the way the party should proceed.

In so doing it also prevented a vote on Tony Benn's proposal for a referendum. It is unlikely that it would have been carried, but the meeting was said to have shown a surprising degree of support for the idea. The shadow cabinet will now attempt to reconcile the differing viewpoints in the party.

Senior figures believed last night that the party was inexorably moving to a position where it would change tack

and vote against the Maastricht bill whenever the government decided to reintroduce it. That was the line suggested by leftwingers led by Dennis Skinner when the Commons debated the bill's second reading last month, and it now appears that the Danish referendum result is bringing the party round to that position.

The PLP was faced with Mr Benn's referendum motion, a shadow cabinet amendment delaying a final decision on the attitude to the treaty legislation return but hinting at opposition, and an amendment tabled by Peter Hain, MP for Neath, committing Labour to opposition.

It became clear that there was support both for Mr Benn's motion and Mr Hain's amendment. There was clearly a danger that supporters of both could have defeated the shadow cabinet amendment which would have been put to the vote first. David Blunkett, the local government spokesman, came to the rescue with a proposal that all the amendments should be sent back to the

shadow cabinet for further discussion. Despite opposition from the referendum supporters this was agreed.

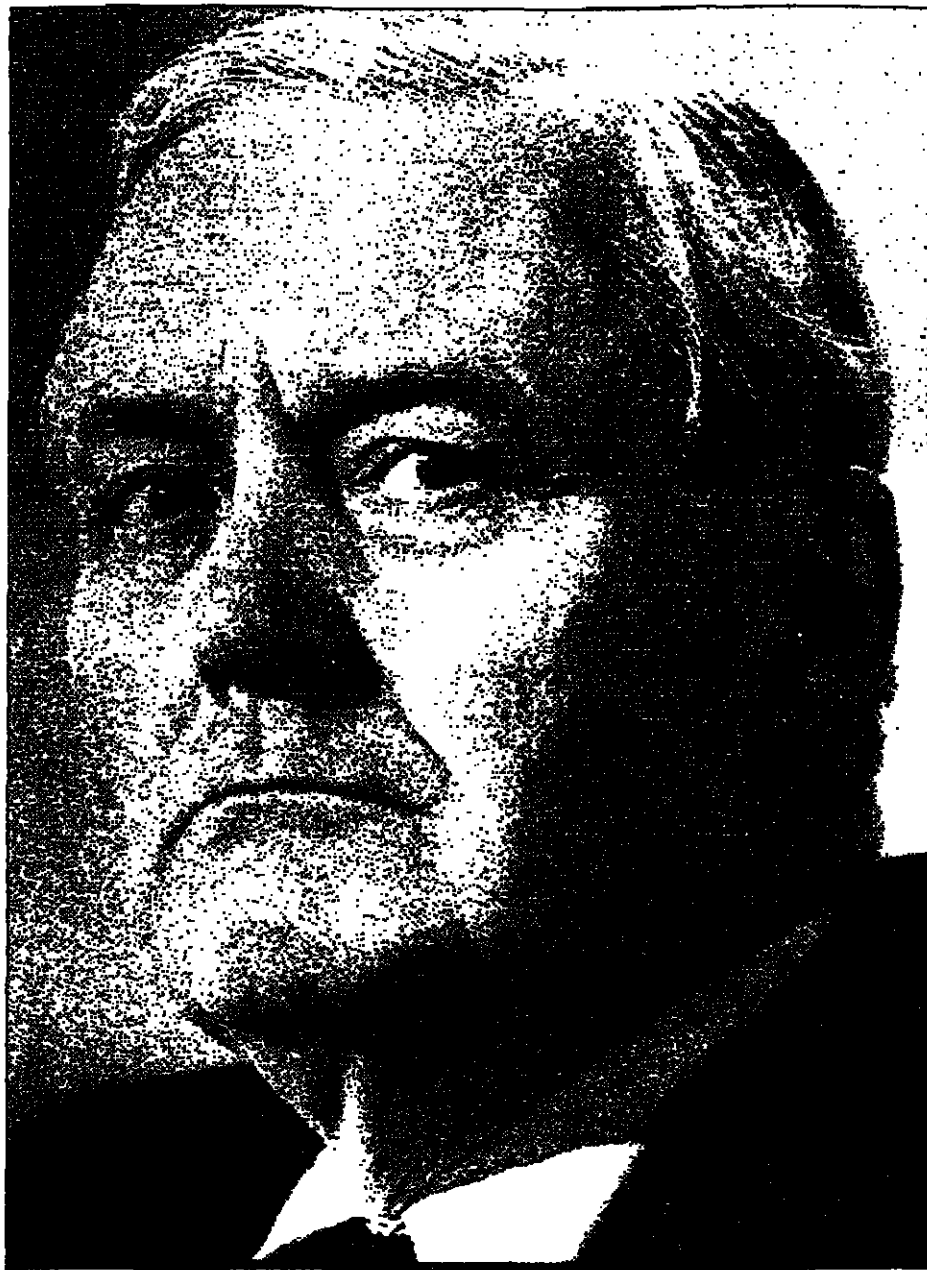
Neil Kinnock appealed to the meeting not to tie the hands of the present and future leaderships. "We must choose our time to take action and refuse to give the government an escape route," he said. Mr Kinnock said the government was facing its six-month presidency of the EC with its party in a shambles over Europe. Labour must show unity.

Mr Benn claimed afterwards a substantial shift in party opinion over a referendum. "Most people in the country would like a referendum and most people are opposed to Maastricht. That view is obviously beginning to reflect itself in the Parliamentary Labour Party."

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, made it clear there was common ground between the Hain and shadow cabinet amendments which party leaders would now explore. He said Mr Benn had been "repudiated" in his attempt to have a vote. Mr Hain also declared himself satisfied. "There was clearly not a unified position behind a referendum and not a unified position behind the shadow cabinet. The majority probably would have backed my motion."

Mr Kaufman hit back angrily at Mr Benn after the former cabinet minister claimed the shadow cabinet amendment had not been considered by the shadow cabinet but had been drafted by Mr Kaufman. The shadow foreign secretary said the shadow cabinet had given him authority to draft the amendment in consultation with the relevant members of the shadow cabinet.

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Benn: proposed calling for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty

MP tests 'open government'

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major's commitment to "open government" is to be tested by his reaction to a freedom of information bill introduced yesterday by the shadow arts minister, Mark Fisher.

The bill, with cross-party support, mirrors Labour's manifesto commitment to allow public access to official documents, except where national security or personal privacy are at risk, together with a requirement for companies to disclose more information in their accounts.

The prime minister has

said he wants to blow away some of the cobwebs of secrecy," Mr Fisher said. "But he has given William Waldegrave (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster) the job of doing it in totally the wrong way."

His bill has the support of a small group of Tory backbench MPs as well as organisations campaigning for freedom of information.

Another contentious private member's bill with a chance of becoming law is legislation backed by the

Keep Sunday Special campaign to stop supermarkets opening on Sundays.

The bill, introduced by Ray Powell, Labour MP for Ogmore, who was third in the ballot, would allow some small shops, such as florists, corner stores and video hire shops, to open on Sundays, but not supermarkets and retail stores covering more than 1,500 square feet of floor space. The government is still agonising about reforming the discredited Sunday trading laws in the wake of widespread defiance by leading chain stores.

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Bill aims to put controls on press

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of leading Labour MPs yesterday called for statutory controls on the press in the wake of media reports about the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

At the same time Peter Bottomley, a vice-chairman of the Tory backbench media committee, cautioned against "a curtain of censorship" or the imposition of an establishment view of good taste.

The Commons gave a first formal reading to the Freedom and Responsibility of the Press bill introduced by Clive Soley, Labour's housing spokesman. The bill requires news to be presented with "due accuracy and impartiality" and gives statutory force to the Press Complaints Commission.

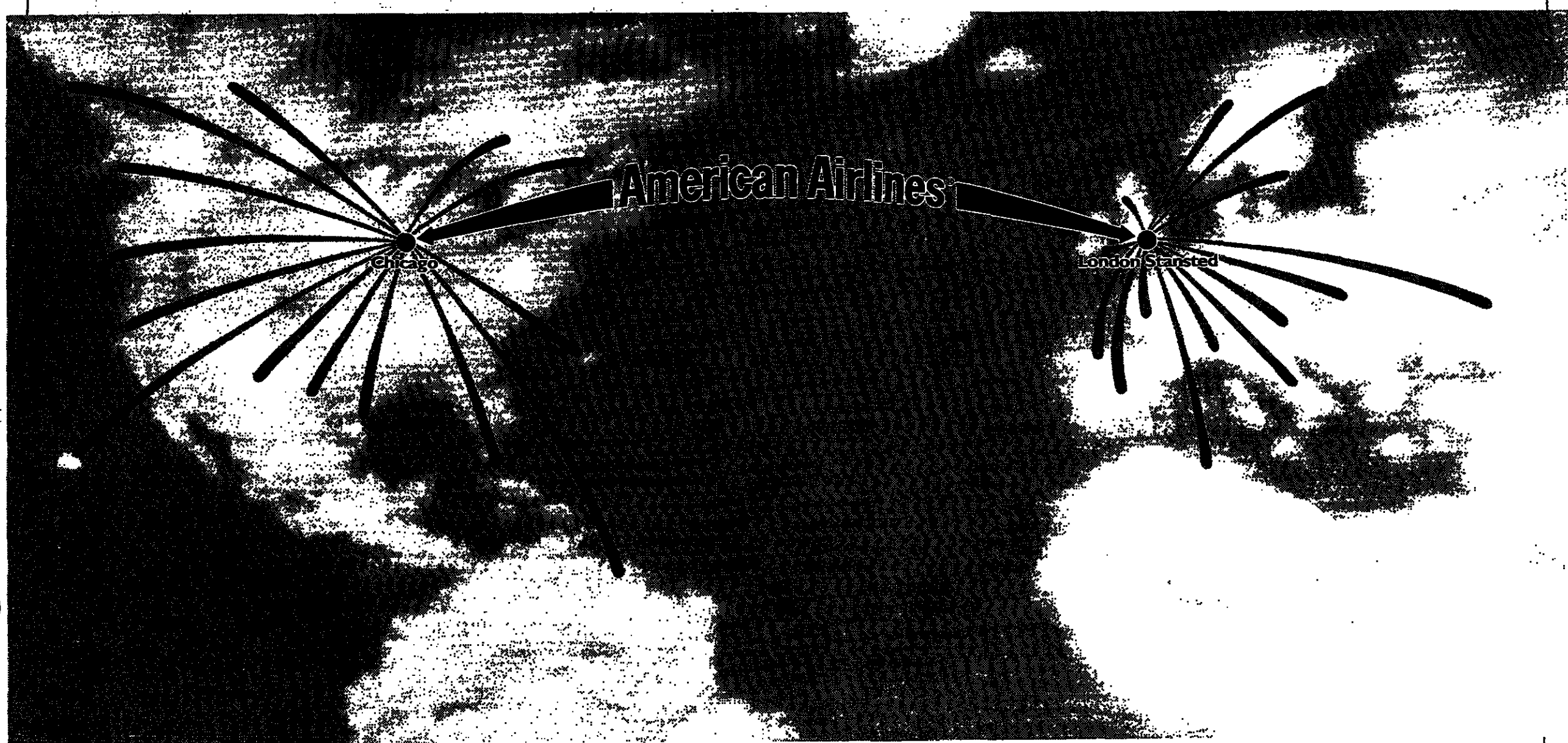
In Mr Soley's absence, Mark Fisher, Labour's arts and broadcasting spokesman, took charge of the bill. It is sponsored by shadow ministers and MPs including Bruce Grocott, Harriet Harman, Chris Smith, Glenda Jackson and Clare Short, and the Liberal Democrat MP Charles Kennedy.

Mr Fisher said: "I do not think anyone feels that self regulation has been a great success. It has been made to look ridiculous in the past few days when the editors say they do not really mind what the Press Complaints Commission says... they are going to do it anyway."

"The legislation would not have affected *The Sunday Times* serialising a book which would be in the public domain and was fairly well sourced. But some of the papers indulged in dubious tactics to keep the stories alive," Mr Fisher said.

The second reading debate has been pencilled in for January 29.

Mr Bottomley tabled two Commons motions yesterday stating that, however wrong, irritating, trivial, inconvenient or sensational the stories, the consequences of legislating to censor the press would be worse.



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Penitent Eurocrats rediscover the reality of voters' power



Dumas: hopes Danes will rejoin programme

JACQUES Delors' act of contrition before the European parliament yesterday typifies a wider trend among the movers and shakers of the European Community. All of a sudden, commissioners, ambassadors, Eurocrats and ministers have rediscovered common man and woman.

Signs of grassroots resentment had surfaced during last year's semi-secret negotiations which led up to the Maastricht treaty, but they were brushed aside. Until the Danish vote on June 2, common wisdom held that the ratification of the Maastricht treaty would follow the well-established sequence of private bargaining between

Voters in the EC now have new leverage over the Community's leaders.
George Brock writes from Brussels

governments followed by rubber-stamp approval from parliaments or publics.

Now voters have new leverage. French voters were immediately granted a referendum, a huge political risk for a deeply unpopular president and government. The French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, told cabinet

end of the year. Addressing fellow EC finance ministers this week, Horst Köhler of Germany told them that ordinary people simply did not understand why the EC budget needed to be so big.

Europe's postwar political class, heavily influenced by the European federalism of Christian democracy, is unpopular with disenchanted voters. Throughout last year, staff at the EC commission worried about the opinion poll evidence which suggests

that ordinary Germans are losing interest in the EC. The soundings which governments across the Community will now have to make will shape the federalist response to the trauma of the Danish rejection.

M Delors began trying to fashion a reshaped federalist agenda in his speech yesterday. His signals are significant for the 12 EC leaders need to appoint the president of the next two-year EC commission when they meet in Lisbon in a fortnight's time. In theory, any state can blackmail a candidate.

In practice, M Delors is the only candidate and all but certain of reappoint-

ment. Do the governments which want to brush the Danish vote aside and press on towards even closer integration have the backing to do so? Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, evidently thinks they do: he is hoping to frighten his querulous backbenchers into line by painting a picture of Britain again threatened by impoverishing and lonely isolation outside a more tightly knit EC of pro-federal states.

This threat will never entirely disappear but would be singularly hard to bring about. Many French and German officials who enjoy their two governments' intimacy would prefer that Brit-

ain was not trying to turn the EC's leading partnership into a trio. They hear, in John Major's promise to be at the heart of Europe, a threat. People who think like this would be more comfortable in a smaller, cosier Community. But shrinking the EC would reverse a 30-year trend towards opening Europe to new candidates. Weak economies such as Portugal and Greece would have to be dropped along with the querulous Danes. The door would have to be shut in eastern Europe's face.

Taking Denmark out of the plans for a single European currency would slow down monetary union; along

with France and Luxembourg, Denmark is one of a handful of states which currently qualify for the final stage of EMU.

Taking foreign policy decisions within a smaller circle will not automatically make them easier. France will still be suspicious that Germany is trying to create a zone of influence in eastern Europe. Cutting other unfederalist countries out will not make much difference. The most likely outcome of the present mess is a deal which recognises more clearly and effectively than the present treaty that the EC system remains based on national governments.

Beleaguered Delors offers curbs on EC bureaucracy

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

JACQUES Delors, president of the European Commission, promised the European parliament in Strasbourg yesterday to end "incomprehensible" rule-making by Brussels and to create an EC bureaucratic machine "closer to the people". But there were clear signs that his federalist fervour remains undimmed.

M Delors hinted that some form of declaration on where the European Commission's remit ends and a member state's begins is necessary to pull the Community clear of the Danish quagmire. Yesterday, he was in a sombre and reflective mood. But behind

'Yes' expected

An opinion poll in yesterday's *Irish Times* showed 47 per cent of voters in favour of the Maastricht treaty (compared with 57 per cent a month ago), 23 per cent against (11 per cent) and 30 per cent undecided (32 per cent). The poll indicates next week's referendum is likely to be carried by about 2-1.

the apologetic rhetoric, M Delors' federal aims could still be clearly discerned.

He spoke of enlarging the Community and of building up the "social dimension" of the Commission's powers. In an earlier address to the parliament, he defended his plans to expand the EC budget by 30 per cent. "Only together can we leave to future generations a Europe that can stand on its own feet and be prosperous and faithful to its ideals of liberty and solidarity," he said.

But before this grandstand finish, M Delors humbly said that the Commission "fully respected" the Danish no vote, although he seemed ready to clutch at straws. "A recent poll suggesting 80 per cent of Danes still wanted to stay in the EC at least gives us grounds for hope," he said.

The referendum, he added, had taught the Commission that it must be clearer about its aims. "The issue of nat-

ional sovereignty has to be cleared up," he said.

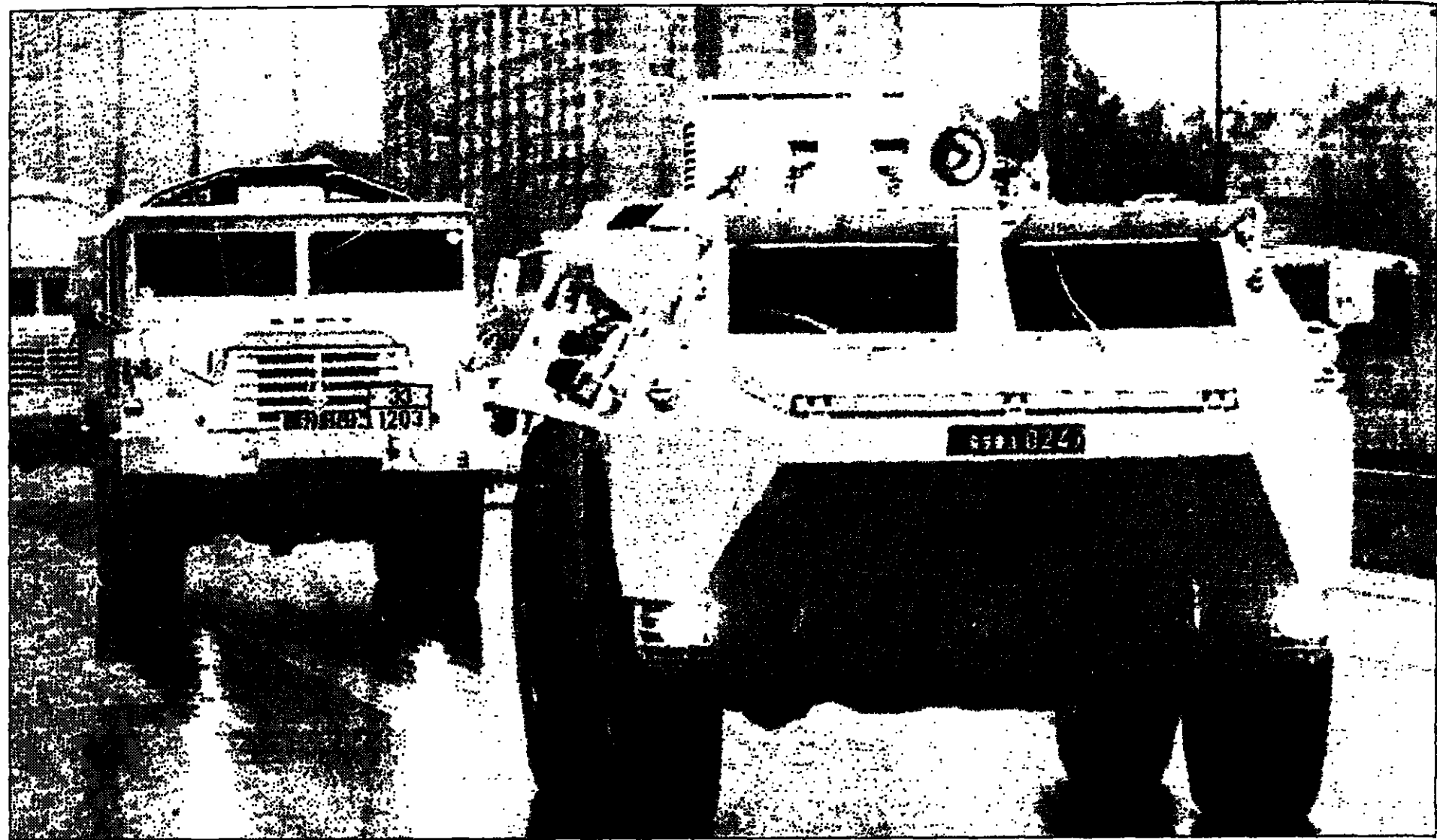
M Delors said that in future there should be a "determined application of the principle of subsidiarity", whereby laws that are best made at national and local level remain well out of the reach of Brussels. While not saying anything about a declaration to be added to the Maastricht treaty that could provide the basis of a second Danish referendum later in the year, M Delors listed areas that should remain the competence of member states: internal security policy; justice; planning; education; culture; health "and its ethical problems".

The last category throws a lifeline to the Irish, who are desperately seeking a way clear of their abortion muddle. A no vote in the Irish referendum on June 18 would kill off Maastricht and M Delors is anxious to allow the Irish Republic flexibility on abortion. But the same clause could also land the Commission in difficulties with Britain, which could argue that it legitimises the government's opt-out from the social charter.

M Delors said that the Commission would have to lose its image as a haven for meddling bureaucrats. "We should not ensure our employment by creating laws just for the pleasure of creating laws," he said, adding that the end of the 1993 single market legislative programme would lead to a slowing of edicts from Brussels.

The speech offered few clues as to how exactly the Commission, parliament and council of ministers can make EC rule-making more intelligible, but it helped to defuse a sense of crisis in Strasbourg. Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's competition commissioner, said he felt that some form of declaration on subsidiarity would be the best way towards solving the problem of the Danish vote.

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Driving force: a United Nations convoy leaving Belgrade for Sarajevo, where it arrived last night with humanitarian aid for the 300,000 people besieged there

Treaty splits right

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

DIVISIONS within the French conservative opposition over the Maastricht treaty referendum are so deep and bitter that the right's chance of winning the general election next spring could well be affected.

Skilfully outflanked in the European debate by President Mitterrand's strategy of divide and rule, the alliance of the Gaullist RPR party and the centrist UDF group is coming apart at the seams as prominent figures on the right exchange veiled threats and insults.

The sight of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the UDF leader, urging ratification of the Maastricht agreement on a platform alongside Elisabeth Guigou, the Socialist government's minister for European affairs, has enraged the Gaullist leadership. "Everyone will suffer because of this," said an aide to Jacques Chirac, the RPR leader, muttering about a plot to deceive the country's voters.

With three months or more to go before the French people are asked to decide about the Maastricht treaty, the skirmishing seems certain to become more destructive, dashing hopes that the right might enter the election behind a single candidate.

● Brussels: On subjects as varied as Mauritanian fish paste and Maltese electric motors, the European Commission's fraud policemen are fighting a losing battle against a new class of criminal born and raised by the Community's horribly intricate financial system: the Euro-embezzler (George Brock writes).

The Commission's annual fraud report shows that the Community spends about £50 million a year to uncover cheating valued at about £100 million, but experts agree that those figures reveal no more than a fraction of the problem. Estimates of the proportion of the EC's annual budget of £44 billion that leaks into unauthorised hands vary between 5 and 10 per cent. Yesterday's report paints a picture of a small group of harassed Eurocrats struggling against a monstrously complicated system, unhelpful national governments and nimble crooks.

Yeltsin seeks to placate military over reforms

The Russian leader has moved to reassert his authority, writes Mary Dejevsky from Moscow

TWO days before his first anniversary as Russian president and a week before his first formal summit meeting in Washington, Boris Yeltsin moved yesterday to calm fears that he was losing his political authority.

In a speech to the Russian high command in Moscow and a series of media interviews, he stood by Yegor Gaidar, the architect of his economic reforms, and insisted that, although the situation was "not easy", there was no question of the ruin of Russia or the Commonwealth of Independent States.

In all his statements, Mr Yeltsin showed calculated evenhandedness, balancing assurances about his government's commitment to reform against assurances to the top brass and other state employees that their interests, and those of Russia, would not be neglected.

For the benefit of Western creditors and his domestic reform lobby, Mr Yeltsin expressed public support for his reform team and insisted that rapid reform had to continue. He left his military audience with the message that "there is no alternative to Gaidar's team" and, in a Russian television interview, rejected speculation that Mr Gaidar would resign after the Washington summit.

In an attempt to allay concern about new appointments to the government from the so-called "industrial lobby",

cut in ground-based strategic missiles with multiple warheads, while offering comparatively fewer cuts in sea-based missiles in return. "This would be to our disadvantage," he said.

Mr Yeltsin also announced the appointment of a Russian chief of the general staff and three new deputy defence ministers — all of them military men. The appointments represent a defeat for liberal sections of opinion which had argued for a predominantly civilian defence ministry. The chief of staff is Colonel-General Viktor Dubynin, former commander of Soviet troops in Poland.

In what may be interpreted as a small olive branch to the Baltic states, Mr Yeltsin described disagreements about the timing of troop withdrawals as "mostly a technical problem" and said Russia was open to participation in joint housing programmes to speed the withdrawal if the Baltic states contributed.

In all his pronouncements yesterday, Mr Yeltsin praised the progress in reform made so far, but emphasised the difficulties he had encountered in trying to reform Russia. In a sweeping denunciation of the whole Soviet period, he said that in 70 years "the entire market infrastructure, which had once been well developed, was eliminated and even erased from the memory of several generations."

UN relief convoy brings hope to besieged Sarajevo

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

FORTY-ONE lorries escorted by an armed personnel carrier reached Sarajevo last night in the first stage of the UN operation to try to reopen the airport, which has been under Serbian siege for more than eight weeks.

Heavy fighting was reported during the day between Serb and Bosnian forces near the airport, which the UN wants to open for relief supplies to the 300,000 desperate people trapped in the city.

There was shelling in Sarajevo throughout the day as Bosnian territorial defence forces tried to dislodge Serbs from a strategic hilltop.

Food is running out in Sarajevo, and water has to be boiled, but supplies of cooking gas are also low. "Sarajevo no longer exists. The only thing that exists now is hatred and death," a radio journalist said.

Pressure on Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, intensified as 12 deputies in the ruling Socialist party threatened to split away and form their own social democratic party. But, despite growing pressure from the opposition, intellectuals and trade unions, there was no sign of any concessions from the government. Instead, Mr Milosevic has

counter-attacked on television, accusing his critics of betraying Serbia.

Sanctions, however, are beginning to bite. After the petrol coupons, food, too, is about to be rationed despite the fact that only a week ago Mr Milosevic was assuring the nation that trade embargoes would have little effect. If sanctions continue the Serbs face a prospect of a winter in unheated homes.

The future of the publication of daily newspapers has also come into doubt as newsprint from the only supplier is now running out. Printing of currency is also threatened. A small firm in Slovenia has hitherto supplied the national bank with this paper, but because of an international trade embargo, it has ceased to do so. Most of this money has been printed to finance the war in Croatia and Bosnia, stoking up inflation which now runs at 100% a month.

The opposition, having been weak and disunited for months, has now closed ranks. It has agreed on a provisional government which would secure an orderly transition and prepare for elections and a referendum on the monarchy.

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Jewish enterprise invests in Odessa revival

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN ODESSA

There probably are people who visit Odessa just to see the London Hotel: its green marble walls, Corinthian columns, stained-glass windows and parquet floors are a study in 19th-century romance.

To complete the picture, Greek shipbrokers and superior Western tourists, history books in hand, lurk amid the huge potted plants and along the endless, winding chandelier-lit corridors. It would be wonderful to report that the relatively well-maintained condition of this 150-year-old seafaring inn was merely one indication of some broader revival in the fortunes of a cosmopolitan port that is finally free to

shake off the dreary heritage of Soviet rule. Wonderful, but dishonest. For the fact is that the heavy hand of communism left its imprint on this happy-go-lucky place, and its renaissance will be hard-fought.

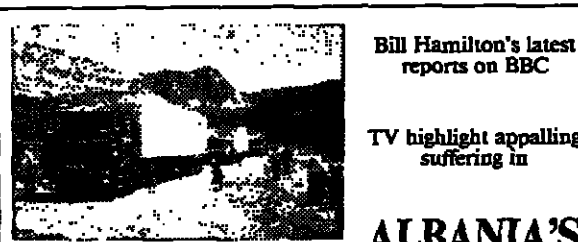
Odessa ought to be different from every other former Soviet city: built by French and Italian architects, open to foreign influence through its maritime trading links, and heir to a glorious tradition of Jewish culture and wit. But Soviet rule had a way of making everywhere exactly the same. As in almost every other region of Moscow's former empire, Odessa's old



economy of factories and power stations is dying while political squabbles are paralysing the new economy of joint ventures and renovation projects. Industrial output is down by a quarter on last year's dismal figure. No less than in Moscow, the various tiers of govern-

ment — republic, regional, municipal and district — are locked in battle. Odessa's rising star is Eduard Gurovitz, of whom an associate says: "He could not possibly have entered local politics until quite recently for three reasons: he has never belonged to the Communist party machine, he is a successful private businessman, and he is Jewish."

Although the Jewish community, which accounted for half Odessa's population before the war, has dwindled through emigration to about 80,000 in a city of 1.2 million, it is, for now, anyway, enjoying unprecedented freedom. Mr Gurovitz, district



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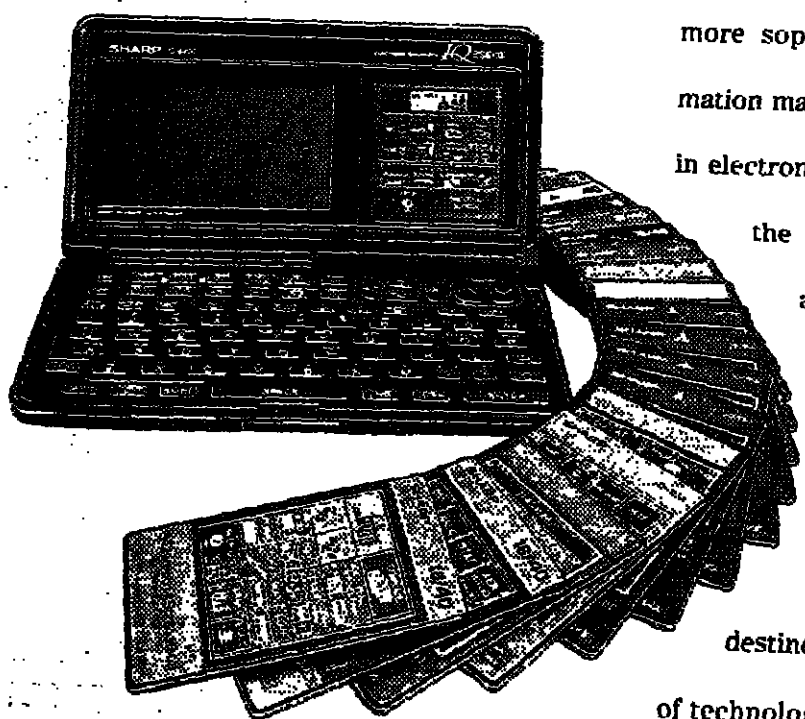
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Bending over backwards: cadets of the Philippines armed forces' academy rehearsing a parade routine in Manila yesterday for tomorrow's independence day celebrations

Ukraine pit blast kills 46 miners

Moscow: At least 46 miners were killed after an explosion in a mine in southeastern Ukraine and seven were still missing yesterday, Tass reported.

The news agency said that three miners died in hospital yesterday of their injuries and a total of 43 bodies had been brought to the surface by rescue workers. The accident took place on Tuesday in the Sukhodolskaya-Vostochnaya coal mine near the city of Krasnodon as mineworkers were carrying out blasting operations.

Methane exploded in the mine, immediately killing eight workers and triggering a release of carbon monoxide into the mine's ventilation system, apparently suffocating the other workers.

A governmental commission was investigating the cause of the accident, the latest in a series of mine mishaps in Ukraine in the past year that has cost at least 34 lives and has been officially blamed on "habitual negligence". (AFP)

Italian talks in deadlock

Milan: President Scalfaro's first round of consultations in search of a prime minister-designate to form a new Italian government ended in deadlock after five days of negotiations. The main opposition parties argued that a corruption scandal involving the Socialists in Milan made the candidature of Bettino Craxi unacceptable.

Havel to stand

Prague: President Havel of Czechoslovakia announced he would seek a third mandate, as Vladimir Mecciar, the Slovak nationalist leader, turned down his invitation for talks on the country's future. A three-fifths majority of parliament is needed for victory in the first round of the July 3 presidential election. (AFP)

Poll date set

Bucharest: Romania's political leaders agreed to hold a general election on September 27, ending months of bickering over the polling date. But they failed after three hours of talks to agree whether presidential polls should be held at the same time as the parliamentary elections. (Reuters)

Cairo arrests

Cairo: Security forces arrested about 200 people and placed a guard on prominent intellectuals after the murder on Monday of Farag Foda, the secularist writer known for criticising Muslim fundamentalism. (Reuters)

UN defied

Phnom Penh: The Khmer Rouge told the United Nations it will not put its guerrillas under UN peacekeepers' supervision in readiness for disarmament. Yasushi Akashi, head of the UN mission in Cambodia, said. (Reuters)

Suharto wins

Jakarta: Indonesians gave an overwhelming mandate to President Suharto's Golkar party in the general election, with more than two-thirds of the vote, although there were opposition charges of vote-rigging. (Reuters)

Fatal party

Kabul: Four people were killed and 82 injured when Afghan guerrillas fired into the air and set off explosions to celebrate the Muslim festival of Corban. Many of the injuries were caused by falling bullets. (Reuters)

Thai king appoints former premier

BY NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK AND DAVID WATTS IN LONDON

KING Bhumibol of Thailand last night appointed Anand Panyarachun, who was prime minister until March, to lead the government again. His choice will be much favoured by democracy activists.

Describing himself as a temporary prime minister, Mr Anand said he would dissolve parliament within a few months, hoping that new elections would produce a government truly representative of the people. Meanwhile he would appoint only neutral non-political people to his cabinet.

The resurrection of Mr Anand's political persona appeared to be a direct response to the middle class and commercial sectors of the country who played a central role in the anti-government protests, and who have been suffering badly since the massacre of demonstrators last month. The collapsing economy has also had a dire effect on the financial holdings of the royal house, which owns virtually half the land in Bangkok as

well as large interests in one of the country's largest banks and in Siam Cement, one of its biggest enterprises.

Mr Anand's appointment, however, ran counter to the wishes of the military and, only minutes before the announcement, food was being laid out for a party in celebration of the naming of an air officer to the post. Somboon Rahong, who is closely linked to the disgraced military prime minister, Suchinda Kraprayoon, had earlier told reporters that he had been named prime minister in a call from the royal palace.

The king's intervention appeared to hold the line against the military, but in an ominous development a senior army officer announced the revival of the Red Gaurs, a right-wing vigilante group known for lynching university students during the unrest of the 1970s. Wearing reflective sunglasses and satin-finish jackets with slogans such as "The Righteous Ones" and "Terminate wrongdoers",

members of the Red Gaurs held a press conference in Bangkok yesterday.

The decision to appoint Mr Anand underlines the magnitude of the problems which have been paralysing Thailand as a result of the army's brutal repression of anti-government demonstrations last month, in which hundreds are believed to have died. Because he is so widely accepted, the appointment of Mr Anand, educated at Dulwich College and Cambridge, brings at least temporary relief to the political pressure cooker that the Thai capital has been for the past two months.

Though Mr Anand is once again an appointed prime minister, earlier in the day parliament approved constitutional changes which stipulate that the office must be held by an elected MP, further reducing the influence of the military on politics. Mr Anand has never run for parliament but his position as prime minister will remain legal until the amended constitution is formally gazetted.

How the military will respond to his appointment remains unclear but the popular feeling against them is strong: a BBC seminar was told yesterday that in one Bangkok residential complex residents have signed a petition calling on the single senior military resident to find alternative accommodation.

The king's move would appear to go a long way to restoring the image of a monarch who had suffered badly for his failure to act quickly after the massacre and for his even-handed, conciliatory approach to General Suchinda after the scale of the killing became known.

Mr Anand's caretaker government, which held office for 13 months after the military coup last year, was one of the most popular and effective in Thai history. He liberalised economic and fiscal policies to an unprecedented degree and raised government efficiency. He also made a beginning in curbing corruption within the government and civil service. He was appointed to office by the military leaders but during his tenure frequently angered them by his resistance to their demands.



Moi: visit has added to de Klerk's standing

Moi ends 21-year Pretoria boycott

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE first African head of state to visit South Africa for 21 years, President Moi of Kenya, left Cape Town for the Rio summit yesterday having dropped in on President de Klerk on his way. The visit marked another advance for South Africa's diplomatic offensive.

Mr de Klerk is keen to maximise international support and his campaign has two distinct, though related, aims: to gain foreign investment and to increase international pressure on the African National Congress to encourage it to water down its constitutional demands.

When he returned from his eight-day trip to Russia and the Far East on Monday, he made a point of saying that the threatened mass action by the ANC and its allies would damage the prospect of future investment here.

While President Moi was in Cape Town, Denis Norman, the transport minister of neighbouring Zimbabwe, was in Pretoria to sign an agreement on drought relief north of the Limpopo. It is the first accord signed between the two countries since Zimbabwe's independence, but President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, who is on a visit to Cuba, said: "It doesn't mean that President de Klerk can visit Zimbabwe, nor does it mean that President Mugabe will go to South Africa." All the same, it is further recognition of the diplomatic effects of South Africa's economic power.

Thousands of Lebanese flee in invasion scare

FROM ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

ISRAELI mock air raids, flares and constant bombardment kept the residents of south Lebanon huddled in underground shelters all night and all day yesterday and caused thousands to flee the region fearing that the Israelis might invade.

Fears of an invasion were fuelled by a warning received by Palestinian guerrillas in south Lebanon refugee camps of an imminent Israeli incursion towards the port city of Sidon, 22 miles south of Beirut. The warning was sent by the Palestine Liberation Organisation headquarters in Tunis to its cadres in Lebanon. It ordered full mobilisation in the camps and claimed that the aim of the invasion would be to crush the remaining power of the PLO and the fundamentalist fighters loyal to Iran.

Lebanese security officials reported that Israeli helicopter gunships opened fire on a group of guerrillas trying to infiltrate Israel's security zone in south Lebanon soon after dawn yesterday. The guerrillas ambushed a joint patrol of Israeli soldiers and militia-men of Israel's client militia, the South Lebanon Army, near Nabatieh, 29 miles south of Beirut.

A battle involving rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns started, wounding two of the guerrillas and five South Lebanon Army members. A statement by the Palestinian group, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Nayef Hawatmeh, claimed responsibility for the attack but said none of its fighters was hurt.

At midday yesterday, another guerrilla group, this time belonging to the Islamic Resistance Movement, attacked a joint Israeli and South Lebanon Army position 36 miles southeast of Beirut. The police said that six South Lebanon Army militiamen were wounded and an armoured personnel carrier was destroyed.

After the attack, Israeli gunners pounded the villages of Jarjou, Jebaa, Ain Bouwar and Mlikh with heavy artillery fire, causing casualties and damage. The villages in the area are strongholds of the Muslim fundamentalist group, Hezbollah.

● Nicosia: The Iranians hanged four men yesterday

accused of involvement in economic riots that swept the eastern city of Mashhad two weeks ago and said other "loafers and vultures would be plucked out like weeds" and discarded (Michael Theodorou writes).

An unspecified number of others would be jailed or flogged, Tehran radio said. Western diplomats said 300 people had been arrested in Mashhad, but the Iraq-based opposition Mujahidin Khalq claimed that 3,000 of its sympathisers had been rounded up there.

The Iranian authorities had promised harsh and swift justice by the no-jury Islamic courts as a deterrent in the wake of the worst riots in a decade. They broke out on May 30 when shanty town residents beat up government workers who tried to destroy their shacks. The troubles were discussed with unprecedented openness in the Iranian media, where some commentators blamed the country's increasing economic difficulties.

But the Iranian authorities have been at pains to divert blame from economic problems they are trying to reverse, pointing an accusing finger instead at Mujahidin rebels and agents provocateurs, some of whom, according to diplomats in Tehran, were involved.

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US candidates rush for chat-show chairs

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

MORE than a decade ago, Theodore White, the respected chronicler of presidential campaigns, wrote: "American politics and television are now so completely locked together that it is impossible to tell the story of one without the other." Now American politicians have discovered the joys of campaigning by chat show and are planning to exploit it to the full.

All three presidential candidates are planning a summer of talk shows and late-night television interviews. The season has already begun. On Tuesday, Bill Clinton, the Democratic contender, fielded questions on an hour-long breakfast talk show and last week he played the saxophone on a late-night programme while the host cracked jokes about President Bush.

The trend of talk-show politics, or "interactive politics", as the campaign managers call it, received its biggest boost from Ross Perot. The Texan billionaire began his campaign with an appearance last March on Larry King Live, the CNN call-in show, where he announced he would stand if the American people wanted him to.

Appearing on chat shows is not a new tactic for presidential candidates. What is new this year is the urgency candidates feel about getting on these shows and the number they hope to appear on.

Mr Bush's campaign managers are concerned that he is losing out in the television game and are considering invitations from at least two shows. And Mr Clinton said recently: "If it were up to me, I'd do one a week from now till election day."

The shows allow candidates to escape from political journalists' awkward questions. On NBC's Today programme, Mr Clinton had an easy ride. The questions were broad, such as whether he had considered a woman for the vice-presidential nomination. As with most of these shows, the viewers were not allowed to ask supplementary questions.

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Peasants rail at Peking 'betrayal'

Mining in Shandong province has filled Peking's coffers while local people are left in poverty, Catherine Sampson writes

IN A shabby county guest house in the Yimeng mountains, one of the poorest regions of China, officials responsible for the fight against poverty gorge themselves at a banquet. The meal is in honour of a visiting foreign journalist who has been asked to eat in a separate room, apparently so as not to witness the opulence of their feast.

The poverty of the people of these mountains, in Shandong province, has become a scandal. In contrast to the special economic zones showered with investment by Peking during the 12 years of Deng Xiaoping's reforms, the mountains have come to represent the centre's neglect of poverty-stricken areas.

The people see their abandonment as a painful betrayal after they sheltered the

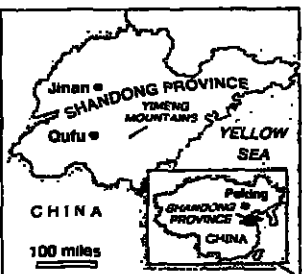
Peasants give long, emotional accounts of the people's sacrifices. One describes the disappointment of old women who had nursed wounded soldiers when none of them returned to visit. Another describes how veterans who helped the army to victory are frequently denied the 20-yuan (about £2) subsidies to which they are entitled every month.

There have been improvements in living standards. Pingyi, the county town of Linyi prefecture, boasts not only a metalled road but also a video rental stall, a faint echo of the good life enjoyed in the prosperous south. But thousands of peasants still live in poverty, officially defined as an annual per capita income of 300 yuan and an annual per capita consumption of 440lb of rice.

According to Zhang Xindian, the deputy director of Pingyi county's anti-poverty office, the number of poverty-stricken villages has decreased from 420 in 1984 to 39 now. "Only one village returned to poverty after the floods last year," he added.

Some 29 Western non-governmental aid agencies have projects in the Yimeng mountains. In the past three years, a German aid project has donated 200 million yuan for food in Pingyi county alone. That sum dwarfs Peking's total relief funds of 112 million yuan given to the whole of the Yimeng mountain district from 1949 to 1986.

Shundiancun is Linyi prefecture's model village. "It used to be very poor, but now it reflects the years of reform and opening, and now it is not poor and not rich," said Han Shouju, the deputy director of the area's foreign affairs office. Foreign journalists who ask to see rural poverty see Shundiancun. Only aid workers are allowed to see the real poverty.



People's Liberation Army during the anti-Japanese war in the 1930s and during the civil war against the Nationalists in the 1940s.

The Yimeng mountains should not be poor at all. Shandong province is a treasure house of natural resources. Within the mountains, Linyi prefecture boasts the country's second biggest diamond reserves, as well as gold, silver and other resources. None of these benefits Linyi in any way. Proceeds from anything mined in Linyi fills Peking's coffers.

The anger of those who feel betrayed by Peking has found its way into official publica-

American anti-arms lobby has squirt guns in its sights

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Ben Macintyre

THE American anti-fire-arms lobby has set its sights on a new target: this time it is not handguns or assault rifles that are under fire, but water guns.

A growing craze for high-powered squirt guns in the inner cities is being held responsible for a recent outbreak of killings and bloodshed. In the volatile culture of urban America, what begins as a harmless water fight often ends in real gunfire.

The brightly coloured water guns, which are known as "Super Soakers", range from the standard pump-action version, which holds about two litres of water and has a range of up to 50ft, to a mighty two-gallon water bazooka, which comes complete with backpack.

The list of violent incidents blamed on water fights grows daily. In Harlem on Monday, two young men were wounded when a man who was inadvertently squirted with water at a street corner returned fire with a 9mm automatic pistol before fleeing. In Boston last month, a 15-year-old boy was shot dead after a water fight escalated into violence. There have been reports of people adding bleach to the water in the guns and spraying passers-by and cars.

This week Raymond L. Flynn, the mayor of Boston, urged shopkeepers in the city to remove the toy weapons from their shelves. A few complied, but most did not since the guns are selling at a remarkable, and lucrative, rate. The manufacturers of

the toys point out that it is not the spread of squirt guns that leads to bloodshed, but the prevalence of firearms. Al Davis, executive vice-president of the Larami Corporation-

I liked it so much I bought the video



tion, a leading manufacturer of the toy guns, said earlier this week: "It's just too

much to comprehend that anyone would think the toy did the damage. Has anyone found the name of the [real] gun that killed that [Boston] boy and contacted the manufacturer?"

Gunfire is now the second most common cause of death, after traffic accidents, for Americans between the ages of 15 and 19, according to a survey released on Tuesday by the American National Centre for Health Statistics. For blacks in the same age range, gunfire is the single most frequent cause of death, and the number of young black males being killed by gunfire is increasing rapidly in metropolitan areas. In American cities, black teenage males die at something approaching

seven times the rate of their white contemporaries.

The study, according to Dr George Lundberg, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, paints "a grotesque picture of a society steeped in violence", and has led to calls for more restriction and monitoring of firearms. In Washington DC, which still has the highest rate of gun-related killings in the country, restrictive legislation on guns, including a waiting period for handgun purchase, has failed to pass Congress.

Supporters of gun reform believe that the pro-gun lobby is so entrenched and powerful, and violence so central to American urban life, that change can only be piecemeal, and from the bottom up: starting with water guns

which have so far done anything but cool down the start of a long, hot summer.

A Californian couple has brought out a video aimed at the homeless and hungry called *The Fine Art of Dumpster Diving*, a guide to scavenging healthily in America's rubbish skips. Following the format of a talk show, the video explains how to sort out edible discarded food from refuse that is contaminated by chemicals, rodents or germs.

It includes a scene in which the master of ceremonies explains to two homeless men how to pick out fruit and vegetables with unbroken skins. More than 30 of the videos have been distributed to homeless shelters across the country.

Major flies into storm over the environment

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN RIO DE JANEIRO
AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

JOHN Major was flying into Rio de Janeiro for the Earth Summit early today to find negotiations in trouble. Britain's environmental reputation under attack, and a city under temporary siege.

The prime minister, who senior British sources indicated was bringing a promise of foreign aid for the environment, was joining at least 115 other heads of state and government who tomorrow and on Saturday will sanction agenda 21, the summit's ambitious plan to put the world economy on a new environmental path — if it can be agreed.

Early this morning officials from 178 countries were still locked in negotiations over the plan's most difficult aspect, its financing, and diplomats said it was possible that no agreement would be reached on how much new aid should be offered to the developing countries to help them carry it out.

Talks on another central objective, a world statement of principles on forest management, have also run into difficulties, from the Malaysians in particular.

However, when Mr Major wakes this morning he may well be just as concerned at a highly public snub to Britain's environmental reputation delivered yesterday by representatives of more than 100 green pressure groups attending the conference as observers.

Led by Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace, they included Britain in their list of the conference's three worst performers, behind the United States and Saudi Arabia, citing Britain's initial delay in signing the biodiversity con-



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vention, the summit's wildlife treaty, Britain's alleged reluctance to promote a strong new United Nations body for the conference's follow-up, and its refusal to meet the United States aid target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product by a specific date.

British sources indicated yesterday that an aid announcement may figure in Mr Major's speech tomorrow. A senior official said: "I think you will find that the prime minister will address what the UK is going to do about backing Agenda 21, and the GEF. The latter is the Global Environmental Facility of the World Bank, the mechanism through which aid under the summit's two treaties, on wildlife and climate change, will be dispersed. Yesterday the European Community member states issued statements of support for both treaties."

Mr Major's commitment, if made, is likely to be one of a number from other leaders of the industrialised world, but these may not be enough to save the summit from col-

lapse over the question of money. The developing countries, the Group of 77, are seeking a much broader commitment from the donor nations if they are to pursue economic growth in environmentally friendly ways, and in particular want them to meet the United Nations 0.7 per cent aid target by a specific date.

This has led to disagreements not only between the rich and poor countries but between the rich nations themselves, especially in the EC, where yesterday Denmark and the Netherlands pushed hard for the target and timetable to be accepted, and were rebuffed by Britain and Germany.

Failure over finance is likely to ensure failure over forests, as other Third World countries may join Malaysia and India in their hostility to the proposed set of forestry management principles that they see as a threat to their sovereign right to use their natural resources as they choose.

Late last night it was thought likely that the two

issues would not be resolved and would have to be taken to ministers in meetings today, although it was thought unlikely the heads of government would get involved.

"Agreement is possible, but it is not certain," said a source. In off-the-record briefings organised by the White House, top officials attacked America's "holier-than-thou" allies for paying lip service to environmentalism, signing treaties they had no intention of complying with and making America the world's scapegoat when it had "the most advanced environmental record in the world".

The administration accused Germany and Japan in particular of capitulation to "political correctness" and the "guilty developed-world" argument that wealthy nations somehow "owe the rest of the world". Given US opposition to two of the summit's central treaties, the administration is resigned to what one official called a "circus of Bush-bashing".

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Star defence: Cheyenne Brando, the daughter of Marlon Brando, denying in a Tahiti court she had implicated her father in her lover's murder

Marion Barry seeks return to politics

Marion Barry, the former mayor of Washington who served a six-month sentence for cocaine possession, wants to run for a council seat in the city's poorest district. *The Washington Post* said.

In a letter to about 8,500 Ward 8 voters, Mr Barry, 56, promises to make his campaign "a visionary, high-energy, solution-oriented, spiritual crusade". Mr Barry, who was arrested in January 1990 after he was videotaped smoking crack in a hotel and released last month from jail, needs the signatures of 212 voters by July 8 if he wants to be on the November ballot.

A plane taking the Turkish prime minister, Suleyman Demirel, to the Earth summit in Rio de Janeiro made a forced landing at Istanbul airport because of a fault in the landing gear. He continued on a military aircraft, sources said.

"Captain Bill" Plinkney, 56, sailed his 47ft cutter into Boston, making history as the first black American to sail around the world alone. He had set off from Boston on

August 5, 1990, and said his journey was to inspire young people into believing that dreams could come true.

The Somali prime minister, Omar Arsh Ghalib, is soon to return to his north Somali birthplace, Hargeisa, after several months of self-imposed exile, a newspaper in the United Arab Emirates reported.

The jailed Australian businessman, Alan Bond, was in a comfortable and stable condition after being taken to hospital in Perth with chest pains, a spokesman for the Corrective Services Department said. He added that Bond's admission was not considered an emergency.

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Aytwa of Chile will discuss the plight of the former East German communist leader, Erich Honecker, held up in Chile's embassy in Moscow since December, at the Earth summit in Brazil, according to diplomatic sources.

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UK scorned as summit ostrich

Rio de Janeiro: Britain was nominated yesterday as the third worst country at the Earth summit in Rio, behind America and Saudi Arabia, by environment groups at the conference (Michael McCarthy writes).

A coalition of more than 100 pressure groups, led by Friends of the Earth International and Greenpeace International, put Britain in their "hit parade" of the summit's worst performers, entitled the Ostrich Reward.

Treaty backed

Nicosia: Council of Europe justice ministers meeting in Cyprus backed a draft treaty on civil liability for damage to the environment. The text will be presented to the committee of ministers in October for approval. (Reuters)

Brazil attacked

Geneva: The United Nations International Labour Organisation said working conditions in many parts of Brazil were appalling and called on the Brazilian government to enforce its own labour laws. (Reuters)

Reactor fear

Rio de Janeiro: Jacques Attali, president of Eastern Europe's development bank has warned that 60 Soviet-built nuclear reactors in the region were time-bombs that could explode at any moment. (Reuters)

BOGOTA NOTEBOOK by Robin Oakley

Britain pushes ahead in despot-free zone

John Major got on well enough with President Gaviria, his host in Colombia yesterday, to invite him to pay an official visit to London early next year. The British contingent was very impressed with the energy and directness of the Colombian ministerial team and their eagerness to get down to practical issues.

President Gaviria, a youthful 42, in an open-necked shirt, is so far removed from the old stereotype of the swaggering military South American despot that a British security man failed to recognise him and pushed him aside so that photographers could get the better shot of Mr Major.

The beautiful Noemi Sanin de Rubio, the Colombian foreign minister, caught many an eye, including that of Tristan Garel-Jones, the Spanish-

speaking minister of state at the Foreign Office, who accompanied Mr Major on his Colombian trip.

Nervously fingering his notes before handing over to the president of the naval museum an historic chart of Cartagena Harbour drawn up by a British officer in 1741, Mr Major asked for his minister of state. Mr Garel-Jones was not on hand. He and the foreign minister were engaged in the finer points of naval architecture.

The map handed over by Mr Major dated from the war of Jenkins's Ear which resulted in Admiral Vernon trying to seize Cartagena in the 18th century after Jenkins, the master of a Glasgow brig, had displayed his ear in a jar of pickles to a Commons committee and told them that it had been cut off by Spanish coastguards.

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Ukraine pit blast kills 46 miners

At least 46 miners died in a massive explosion in a coal mine in Ukraine yesterday, killing 46 miners and wounding 100 others. The explosion occurred in the morning in the Kiyiv region, about 100 miles from Kiev. The mine was owned by a private company. The explosion was caused by a gas leak. The bodies of the miners are being recovered from the rubble. The government has ordered an investigation into the cause of the explosion.

Italian talks in deadlock

President Ciriaco De Mita's efforts to form a new government could be blocked after five days of talks. The main obstacle is the disagreement over the appointment of a new prime minister. The talks are being held in Rome. The government is in a state of deadlock. The president is trying to break the deadlock by appointing a new prime minister. The opposition is blocking the appointment. The talks are expected to continue for several more days.

Level to stand

The shadow Home Secretary, Lord Williams of Desborough, would seek a more radical approach to the problem of terrorism. He is calling for a more aggressive stance from the government. He is also calling for a more coordinated effort between the police and the intelligence services. He is also calling for a more comprehensive approach to the problem of terrorism. He is also calling for a more proactive approach to the problem of terrorism.

Poll date set

Radical Romania's leaders agreed to hold a referendum on the constitution. The referendum is scheduled for next year. The referendum will be held on a national level. The referendum will be held on a national level. The referendum will be held on a national level. The referendum will be held on a national level. The referendum will be held on a national level.

Cairo arrests

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The UN Security Council defied the United States demand for a ceasefire. The Security Council voted 12-2 in favour of a ceasefire. The Security Council voted 12-2 in favour of a ceasefire. The Security Council voted 12-2 in favour of a ceasefire. The Security Council voted 12-2 in favour of a ceasefire. The Security Council voted 12-2 in favour of a ceasefire.

Suharto wins

Indonesian President Suharto has won a second term in office. He was re-elected by the Indonesian people. He was re-elected by the Indonesian people. He was re-elected by the Indonesian people. He was re-elected by the Indonesian people. He was re-elected by the Indonesian people.

Fatal party

A fatal party was held in London yesterday. A large number of people were injured. A large number of people were injured. A large number of people were injured. A large number of people were injured. A large number of people were injured.

Sights

Archaeologists have discovered the remains of a prehistoric city. The city was built by a civilization that lived in the region. The city was built by a civilization that lived in the region. The city was built by a civilization that lived in the region. The city was built by a civilization that lived in the region. The city was built by a civilization that lived in the region.

A California couple

married at the home of the bride's mother. The wedding was a private affair. The wedding was a private affair. The wedding was a private affair. The wedding was a private affair. The wedding was a private affair.

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check of the master of the ship. The ship was found to be in good condition. The ship was found to be in good condition. The ship was found to be in good condition. The ship was found to be in good condition. The ship was found to be in good condition.

Bernard Levin

A fibreglass shark plunging into an Oxford rooftop is a lark that baffles officialdom

I start unkindly. I fear, by saying that Mr John Power, who is chairman of the planning committee of Oxford city council, might do well to go and boil his head in a light stock with a bouquet garni and perhaps a teaspoonful of sherry.

This discourtesy is provoked by Mr Power sounding off in no uncertain manner: "... a victory for anarchy... a slap in the face for the decent and respectable people... seeking legal advice..." And what has brought him, in his municipal character, to such a state? Has someone opened a brothel next door to Balliol? Has the Sheldonian been taken over by meths-drinking dossers? Or has a band of undergraduate scoundrels had the impudence to debag Mr Power himself and paint his bottom purple?

No such luck. What has brought Mr Power to the very edge of bursting is the decision of the public enquiry into the Hunting of the Shark. Over the six years of battle, you must have seen photographs of the famous fish which adorns the roof of the Oxford house of a Mr Bill Heine (to whom goes the Diamond Star and Sash of the Order of They Shall Be Mocked and With Good Reason); made of fibreglass, it is sited to look as though the shark dived headfirst at the roof-tiles and crashed through up to its gills. It makes a delightful, innocent, fresh and amusing sculpture, and people come from far and wide to see it, to admire it, to photograph it, and to smile at it.

But there is nothing about smiling in the annals of the planning committee of the Oxford city council, and that august body ruled that it must come down, giving as the reason that it had been put up without planning permission, or more likely just because it was delightful, innocent, fresh and amusing — all qualities abhorred by such committees. Mr Heine (if he is descended from Heinrich Heine, it is another reason for me to shake his hand) fought heroically through the years as the battle swayed this way and that, with the authorities getting more and more indignant at the impudence of a mere person defying the might of a planning committee.

It had to go to a public enquiry, and eventually did, whence the sound of corks popping at 2 New High Street, Headington. For not only did the planning inspector of the Department of the Environment, Mr Peter MacDonald, rule that the shark can stay where it is, but the decision was couched in language so human, so intelligent and so wise that it ought to be painted in enormous letters on the pavements (both sides) of Whitehall. Here are some of his conclusions: "I cannot believe that the purpose of planning control is to enforce a boring and mediocre uniformity... Any system of control must make some space for the dynamic, the unexpected and the downright quirky, or we shall all be the poorer for it. I believe that this is one case where a little vision and imagination is appropriate." Whereupon, Mr Power made it clear that he would "try to challenge the decision", a threat that brought from Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, this mild but appallingly true comment: "Most politicians do not know how to lose gracefully."

When I am ruler of the Universe, one of my earliest decrees will lay down that anyone who uses the words "What if

everybody did it?" will be fed to Sirius, the dog star. It is the last resort of the fun-killers, the oriflammes of the puffed lips brigade, the buttresses of those whose motto is "Go and see what Johnny is doing and tell him to stop it". Anyone but a prize nana would have seen that Mr Heine's splendid lark (I pause here to commend the sculptor, Mr John Buckley) was an exact definition of delight, particularly Shakespeare's kind "that give delight and hurt not".

But it hurt the planning committee no end, whence the six years of battle and the preposterous comments ("... a slap in the face of the decent and respectable people...") of its chairman when the battle was finally lost and won.

It is not difficult to see how people get things so devastatingly out of scale: indeed it is one of the most thoroughly studied of human frailties. I poked fun at the Oxford council planning committee and in particular its chairman, but that was largely because I had a measure of that body — useful but nothing more. Now suppose you have worked hard and honestly at your job (useful but nothing more), and you dream, or once did dream, of making a

mighty stir, of climbing to the heights, of being Someone. What is the inevitable knowledge that goes with what has happened to those dreams, and what can be done about it? The knowledge, of course, is that the dreams have not come true; what can be done about it is to exercise that tiny corner of the world in which you do hold sway.

Man, proud man, dressed in a little brief authority... Shakespeare knew humankind, and knew that the greater the authority the greater the vigour with which it is employed. The chairman of the Oxford council planning committee does not have the power to have anybody's head cut off, nor to have anybody exiled to Outer Mongolia, nor even to compel anybody to do penance in a white sheet for seven days and seven nights. But he and his council do have the power (exercised, I am sure, only in strict compliance with the law) to order a man with a 25 ft fibreglass shark on his roof to take it off. And when he finds that higher authority has overruled him, he is fit to burst — whence the slap in the face for the decent and respectable people — because even that little authority has been, at least for some time, taken from him.

Shun power, shun it fiercely, if you want to sleep soundly in your bed. If it is real power, the power to compel others to do your bidding, your dreams will be haunted ones. If it is the mock power of the chairmanship of a municipal committee in Oxford, you will wake to disappointment. I am not going to quote Acton, but here is Hazlitt, who in this context is even more apposite:

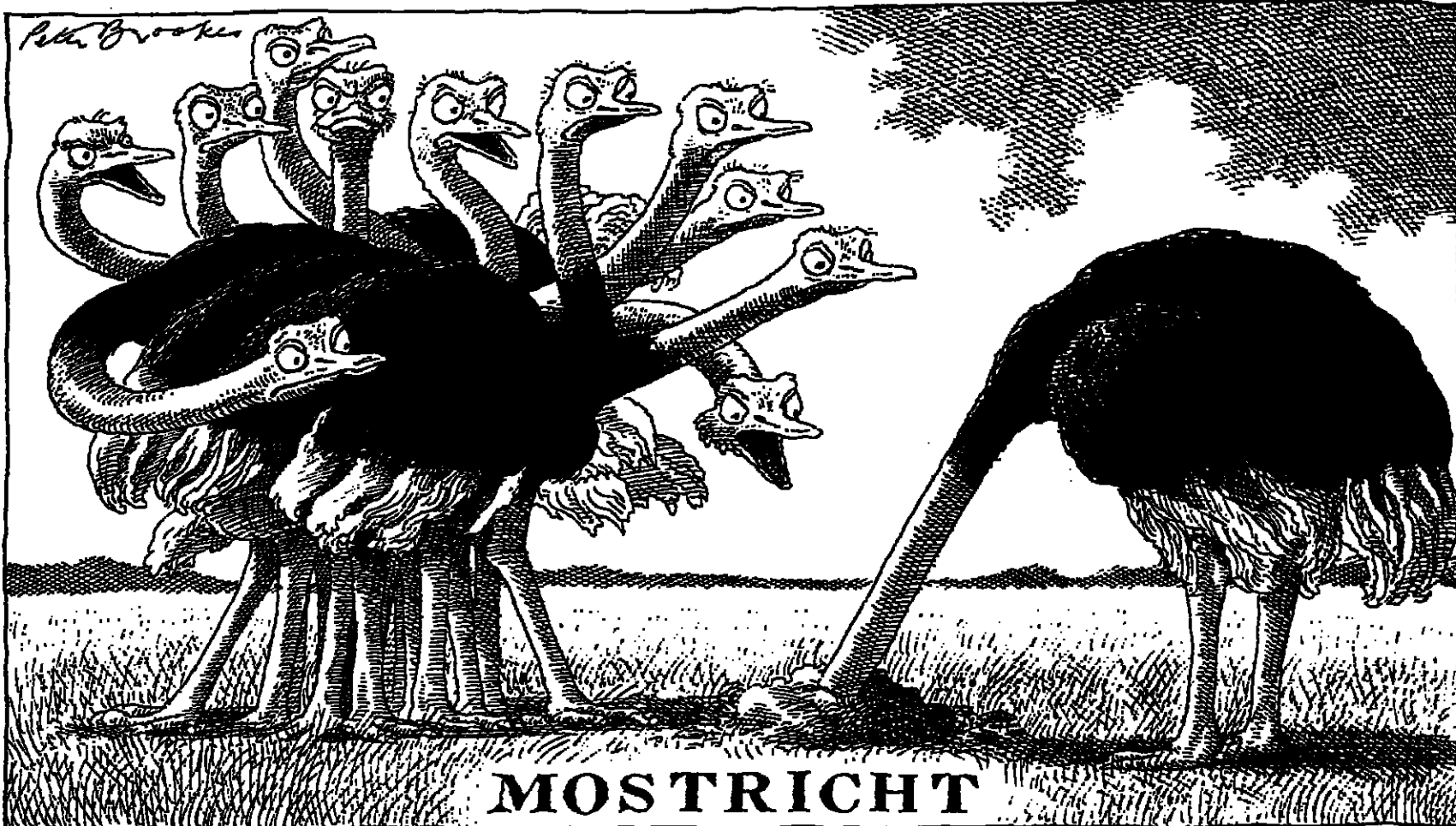
The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of oneself.

You do not have to be a bad man to want power. Our chairman is plainly an honest and scrupulous man, certainly to be numbered among the decent and respectable people who have figured so largely in this story. But he has forgotten the old and tried proverb: "A man with a stuffed shark on his roof is eccentric, and quite possibly in breach of the planning rules; a man who tries to take the shark off will run no danger of being bitten, but will almost certainly make a fool of himself."



A fishy tale: monument to an eccentric genius

After the Danish rejection should the Maastricht deal be reprieved?



A treaty that suits Britain

National interest demands that the government ignore its Euro-sceptic rebels, says Leon Brittan

Six months ago John Major and Douglas Hurd were hailed as heroes for their brilliant diplomacy at Maastricht. On their return they were feted for securing an agreement which avoided all the perils that had for months seemed to confront Britain inexorably, and which at the same time was welcomed by all our partners as a great step forward for Europe.

Should the Danish referendum vote lead us to revise that assessment? How should the situation arising from that vote be handled now? And what impact does all this have on the prospects for the British presidency? It is almost irresistible to cheer loudly when people cock a snook at their leaders or when a small country seems to be standing up to its bigger neighbours. The sight of that happening has given new heart to those who opposed the treaty in the first place. But it cannot logically convert a good treaty into a bad one, although it obviously makes implementation far more difficult to achieve.

Maastricht was not just an escape for Britain from the imposition of a single currency and the social chapter. The benefits which led to its welcome everywhere else in the Community are benefits for Britain too. We would therefore be worse off if the treaty were not implemented. Above all it is a dangerous fallacy to suppose that if Maastricht is dropped, we shall simply go back to where we were before.

Those who think that are blind to the strength of feeling of countries such as France and Germany, which would like to go much farther ahead with European integration than the Maastricht treaty allows. If the treaty falls, they will unhesitatingly replace it with something much more integrationist, and they will be joined by many if not most of the other Community members. A rightly knit

group of countries will be created with a common currency and common fiscal policy, a common foreign policy and ultimately a common defence force. It will be a grouping going far beyond Maastricht. And Britain will be outside it. It will have a profound effect on our economy, our political position in Europe and even our security. Except in the most legalistic sense, our sovereignty — in the sense of control over our own affairs — will be diminished. So far from being at the heart of Europe, Britain will be marginalised.

The Maastricht Treaty, on the other hand, retained EC unity and achieved many long-standing British objectives, but at the same time was sufficient in its scope to accommodate the aspirations of our partners. It would be folly to disregard it and worth making a real effort to make its implementation possible in spite of last week's vote in Denmark.

Far from leading the Community down the road to a federalised, centralised bureaucratic superstate, the Maastricht Treaty will give legal backing to those who wish to see Europe go in the opposite direction. It was no accident that the word "federalism" disappeared from the treaty during the negotiations. Moreover, the aim of keeping the Community's decision-making as decentralised as possible is enshrined in legal form for the first time. The idea of "subsidiarity" is written into the treaty, and the burden of proof is on the centralists.

To give true effect to that concept, we must exercise restraint in deciding whether to take on new tasks at Community level. We should also not hesitate to hand powers back to

national governments when they need no longer be exercised by Brussels. If we do that, we will reassure people that they are not faced with an irresistible ratchet effect, leading to ever more power gravitating to Brussels. That will in turn make people more ready to agree that what really does need to be done in common should be done at Community level.

In each case the question should be a functional one, not a theological one, and the answer may vary over the years. If monetary policy in a single market may nowadays need to be determined centrally, control over drinking water or the handling of planning permission can surely be relinquished.

Maastricht will also reinforce fair play in the Community by giving the European Court of Justice greater power to prevent one country from breaching EC rules in a way which damages another. By sharpening the role of the European Parliament and increasing democracy, it will enable elected MEPs to rein in the Community by voting any extravagant measures which may emerge from Brussels.

Where the Community must act in union, the treaty will strengthen our ability to do so. In Yugoslavia we are seeing the severe limitations in the present system of Community co-operation in foreign affairs, with tragic consequences. Only with a common foreign, security and defence policy could Britain and its partners act swiftly and decisively to defuse such crises beyond the EC's borders. Maastricht creates the structures to make that possible over time, without seeking to push it

very difficult to make significant progress in securing Britain's key objective of enlarging the Community. For how can we negotiate with potential new members if they don't know what it is that they are joining?

There is in any event always a risk of excessive hope and subsequent disappointment for any EC presidency. Six months is not long in the chair. In some areas Britain will merely inherit unresolved disagreements and deadlocks and will dispose of inadequate Community tools with which to deal with them, not least in the area of foreign policy. But in others, such as the completion of the Gatt agreement on liberalising world trade, a deal is surely within reach.

The powers of the presidency — essentially the right to set agendas, table compromises, chair regular ministerial meetings and call emergency ones, as well as fixing overall policy priorities — are limited but should not be underestimated. Nor should Britain's suitability for the task, for it has two key ingredients — a government with a decisive and recent mandate and a highly efficient civil service machine. It also has a clear vision of where the Community should be heading: towards a balanced and unfederalised union, respectful of each nation's identity, rooted in fair competition and free trade, eager to put subsidiarity into practice, and with a determination to welcome new countries which are ready and willing and able to join.

I am confident that with Britain at the helm of the Community it is as well placed as it could be to proceed with Maastricht as well as fastening the single market and other vital areas of Community policy firmly into place.

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...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

City-dwellers tend to have a number of misapprehensions about the countryside. BANG! BANG! BANG! For instance, they imagine that it is a healthy place to live, with everyone walking everywhere. BANG! BANG! BANG! In fact, people walk far more in London, where there is far more to look at and the shops are close enough to walk to. BANG! BANG! BANG! In the countryside, everyone drives, except for people from London who have come up for a good walk. BANG! BANG! BANG!

You may have noticed, while reading that last paragraph, that it was interspersed with the words BANG! BANG! BANG! This was because I am trying, in a non-aural setting, to destroy another illusion, namely that the countryside is a haven of peace, and placing BANG! BANG! BANG! throughout this article is as close as I can get to conveying the noise inflicted on country types by those terrible machines known as bird-scarers.

BANG! BANG! BANG! they go, every few minutes, from early in the morning until late in the evening. Until a couple of years ago, they were operated by some timing device, as even the most bird-loathing farmer would realise that his fellow humans would not take kindly to being woken with a BANG! BANG! BANG! before 7.30am or so. But this year the bird-scarers are light-activated, which means that they start to go off at the first crack of dawn,

presumably even waking all those poor old snoring birds to breakfast with their BANG! BANG! BANG!

For us, this summer is in some respects worse than usual and in other respects better. A couple of years ago, the local bird-scarer, though starting later, was fixed up not only with the usual murderous shotgun noises — BANG! BANG! BANG! — but also with what sounded like a very loud car horn, and the two would duet together all day, in the manner of a rather more aggressive Nina and Frederick: HOO! BANG! HOO! BANG! HOO! BANG! Happily, this year, as Nina and Frederick eventually split up, so too have the car horn and shotgun, the horn deserting the shotgun to make its fortune in other parts, presumably terrifying schoolchildren by going HOO! HOO! HOO! at zebras-crossings.

There are times when I wish that the BANG! BANG! BANG! would sound constantly, rather than just once every few minutes. The Chinese water torture eventually sends its victims mad not because of the DRIP! DRIP! DRIP! but because of the gaps between. In the city, the nearest equivalent to the bird-scarer is the pneumatic drill, but at least it is continuous, so that after a while its noise, however loud, becomes part of the background, whereas BANG! BANG! BANG! is intermittent enough to make one just as paranoid during the silences as one is furious during the noises.

I would be more tolerant towards the bird-scarer if I felt its noise had any effect, but my eyes tell me otherwise. When it goes BANG! BANG! BANG! a couple of the weeder birds may take to the skies for a second or two before returning to the very same place, but most of the heartier ones are happy to strut it off without so much as a flutter of a feather, for all I know they may even welcome the BANG! BANG! BANG!, because at least it keeps the humans away.

There are times as I sit in my office waiting for the next BANG! BANG! BANG! when I think that some good must come out of my misery, that great humanitarian inventions have, in the past, arisen from the ashes of war. Yesterday, I came up with a red hot idea: a farmer-scarer designed to keep all farmers at bay. It would consist of a light-activated tape-recorder with a loud-speaker which would yell "Subsidies cancelled! Subsidies cancelled!" at frequent intervals.

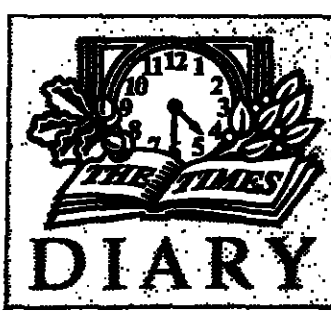
Of course, journalism has its own reader-scarers: key words which, placed at regular intervals throughout an article, are sure to send the reader off in search of pastures new. For me, these at present include "Rio Summit" and "Anita Roddick". If only someone could devise a scheme for birds to read English, farmers could tell these words to bamboos all over their fields. Then the birds would beetle off, and at least we would all sleep easy.

Fair's fair

AMID cries of fake and foul, the outward calm of the antiques world, which is enjoying its most important event of the year at the Grosvenor House Fair has been disturbed by a row over the show's most prestigious award. Sir Nicholas Goodison and his fellow judges have given the Artefact of the Year award to the dealers Warski for a rare Franco-Burgundian engraved gold triptych of a Madonna and Child from about 1400. Yet only weeks ago the fair's vetting committee banned the pendant, claiming it was "a made up piece".

Kenneth Snowman, Warski's chairman, could not conceal a wry smile yesterday. The judgment — made, according to Goodison, for the piece's "superb craftsmanship, quality and beauty" — has left red faces among the fair's vetting committee of prominent experts, which scrutinises all displays for "appropriateness and authenticity". An embarrassed spokeswoman said: "I really cannot go into the grounds on which it was rejected, and frankly I can't remember. Masses of things are rejected." Few, however, go on to win the fair's top prize.

The Warski exhibit did so only because an angry Snowman called in top experts from the V & A and forced the Antiques Dealers Association to step in and reverse the decision. "I was furious," says Snowman. "But I was delighted to learn we had won." Perhaps unsurprisingly, this year's winners have decided it will be the last time they appear at Grosvenor House. "The atmosphere has changed," says Snowman. "It is no longer as congenial as it used to be. We will not be going back next year."



● This week saw a meeting at an address in central London that would normally have passed without comment. But to the world outside it might have seemed heavy with topical portent. It was the six-monthly planning meeting for the Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by the couple and their staff to discuss the second half of the year. The meeting sifts through thousands of invitations and reviews months already crammed with appointments. Those present, including the royal couple, waded through the agenda as usual, pondering the surrealism of the newsstands outside, screaming "Riddle of Di's empty diary".

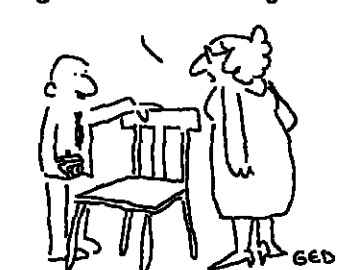
Eye-opener

THIRTY years after the event, photographer Lewis Morley has finally received payment for his infamous picture of Christine Keeler nonchalantly naked astride a kitchen chair.

Morley was commissioned by Private Eye to take the picture early in 1963, just before the Profumo scandal. "I had no idea who she was at the time," he says. After the affair broke the picture was "borrowed" from Morley's studio and quickly found its way into the tabloid press to become one of the icons of the swinging

Sixties. The image has been widely hijacked, most recently in the film, *Scandal*, but Morley, having emigrated to Australia, was never paid. Earlier this month he returned to England for the first time and produced a limited signed edition of 50 prints, one of which has just been sold at auction for £2,800. "It is the first penny he has ever received for taking one of the most famous photographs of the last 30 years. We are trying to sort it out but it is a copyright nightmare," says Nicky Akenhurst, his London

I don't care how much Christine Keeler got...



agent, Morley, now 67, this week returned to Australia after trying without success to contact Keeler. It would be worth her getting in touch, Akenhurst, who is selling the other prints at her Portfolio Gallery in Portobello Road, says: "Lewis doesn't really like selling his pictures for money and he feels Christine is entitled to a share of the proceeds."

Boot or topper?

IN BETWEEN sorting out the mess over Maastricht, the Foreign Office has been finding time to play Euro-Monopoly. Officials are in talks with Waddingtons, the board game manufacturers, over the important question of what

souvenirs John Major and Douglas Hurd should give their Community colleagues when they host the Edinburgh summit in December. Waddingtons has just produced a new EC version of Monopoly, played with ecus, and suggests it would make the perfect diplomatic gift.

Denmark's fears seem to be justified: it has been allotted the two cheapest slots on the board, Strandvejen and Slotsgade, in the corner originally occupied by the Old Kent Road and Whitechapel. But if Euro-Monopoly is the perfect gift for Major to give his colleagues, what might the Danes give the rest of Europe when they take over the presidency on January 1? A set of Euro-Monopoly for the best suggestion.

Soldiering on

JUDI DENCH became the latest victim of an increasingly accident-prone Chichester festival this week, when she sprained an ankle and had to be carried off stage. The Prince of Wales was in the audience for the gala performance of *Coriolanus*, staged by Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance Theatre Group, and waited an anxious 15 minutes while the actress was attended by two doctors.

Dench reappeared with bandages and walking stick to complete her performance as Volturna and was back on stage again last night, too. "With the courage of a lioness she played it flat out," says Patrick Garland, the theatre's artistic director.

Last month Branagh, who plays Coriolanus, fractured his finger on stage in a swordfight. He too carried on, grimacing with pain. The play, of course, offers its own commentary on the travails of its stars: "Thou hast a grim appearance... Though thy tackle's torn, thou shows't a noble vessel".



DEATH OF MAASTRICHT

The British government has suddenly lost its aplomb in matters European. The Foreign Office, with the cabinet in tow, has been trying to behave as if the Danish vote forces no change of strategy. It still insists on ratification of the Maastricht treaty, as if the treaty was a good thing and the Danes simply have not realised that yet. It says that since Britain is now a good European its leaders must stand their ground, however lethal the shells falling on all sides for a newly-elected government to turn and run would show Albion perfidious beyond belief.

Yesterday Jacques Delors did his bit for this implausible line. He and his colleagues are promising to behave better. They will even rewrite history: Maastricht did not extend EC intervention but reduced it by enshrining subsidiarity. Under Maastricht, the EC's Dr Jekylls would graciously allow nation states to go about their democratic business in all sorts of ways. M Delors pledges himself not to intervene in national culture or the ethics of health. The emperor is contrite and magnanimous today. But his colleague, Sir Leon Brittan, warns on the page opposite that, should anybody dare to renegotiate Maastricht, M Delors would become Mr Hyde. Son-of-Maastricht would emerge and British sovereignty be strangled in every back alley of Brussels. Such are the words of desperate men.

The real M Delors is not all sweet talk. While demanding that Britain remain "neutral" as president in this debate, he shows no such neutrality as an EC servant himself. He this week blithely demanded a 30 per cent increase in his budget to pay for his regional policies and CAP reform. Last night he repeated his federalist ambitions, including his beloved "social dimension". Thus far have he and his Commission drifted from the mainstream of European politics. That Norman Lamont and his fellow finance ministers could reject the budget demand out of hand shows that national governments are now ready to seize the initiative in European matters.

Maastricht was not the last word in European diplomacy. It was a spatchcock treaty, a messy compromise between tired leaders few of whom studied what they were signing. Britain did not like it but found it just acceptable after negotiating exemptions, exemptions which presaged an ever more divided community. Other nations have seen aversion to the EC's centralist tendencies

reflected in their domestic politics. Democracy may be maddeningly inconvenient to oligarchs and bureaucrats alike. But it is rumbling across Europe. Decorum may prevent the British government from saying Maastricht is dead; but dead it is.

Acknowledging the death of Maastricht is important, if only to discuss what should supplant it as the next stage of European co-operation. Seeking to scare electors by threatening an even more centralist framework is silly. Such a treaty would no longer be ratifiable, even if politicians were foolish enough to negotiate one. Nor will a mere codicil to the existing treaty, with yet further exemptions and self-denying ordinances from Brussels, do the trick.

The British presidency is an opportunity to choose Europe *a la carte*. The extensions of Brussels power in Maastricht, notably in regional policy, must be abandoned. Steps towards monetary and fiscal union are already, in effect, inter-governmental and will see some states forging links inappropriate to others. The key now lies in the intergovernmental field, in co-operating over trade, migration, competition and foreign policy, properly monitored by national governments. It is these benefits, not the flimsy cross-subsidies beloved of Brussels, that should attract new members in search of wider continental markets and lower tariffs. It is a perversion of the Treaty of Rome to insist that it implies full political or economic union.

The greatest threat to true European co-operation at present comes from those now frantically trying to prop up Maastricht. It is they who stand in the way of concerted action to achieve the single market next year, to reform farm policy, to free world trade under Gatt, to attack cartels and protection. Neither Maastricht nor some cobbled-together facsimile will circumvent the growing scepticism of European electorates to the centralism of big modern government. This centralism is typified by M Delors and the apparatus he, his colleagues and predecessors have built in Brussels over the past decade. They and their treaty are the last cry of the old Europe. They have croaked.

Good Europeans should now look to the British presidency, to the summit in Edinburgh in December, to John Major and to a sensible new dispensation aimed at what the EC has yet to achieve, not at what it should never have attempted.

RIO'S GREEN FRINGE

The White House yesterday asserted that the Rio Earth summit was "in danger of turning into a circus". The circus as William Reilly, head of the US Environmental Protection Agency, could attest from personal observation is in full swing. The Big Top is not for the moment in Rio, but on a beachfront 30 miles away, site of a vast assemblage of environmental pressure groups jumbled into a grandly entitled Global Forum.

To all of the fun of their planetary fair, which includes a delightful Heath Robinson box capable, according to its inventor, of mending the ozone hole, Friends of the Earth and its allies have added the excitement of a blood sport: naming the world's five environmental villains. In vain might the White House argue that "sound science must be distinguished from mysticism" or fulminate against the weak-kneed willingness of its Western allies to sign treaties they consider deeply flawed out of "green guilt". In vain might Britain purchase the indulgence of the judges "parallel summit" by subsidising this more generously than any government save The Netherlands and Brazil. America, Britain and Saudi Arabia head the list of the supposed "five dirtiest nations".

These unselected, non-governmental gadflies have their uses in mobilising consumers and embarrassing weak governments. Without them, whales and elephants would be more gravely endangered than they are, gazelle less inhibited and loggers and ranchers freer to devastate tropical rainforests. The green lobbies frequently tread where Western diplomats should, but dare not for instance in denouncing the

rhetoric of national sovereignty with which Malaysia justifies the spoliation of its rainforests. But this simplistic and misleading listing of the countries they love to hate is an opportunistic grab for the world's headlines.

America heads the list allegedly for its refusal to sign the biodiversity convention at Rio, or to accept firm targets for curbing emissions of carbon dioxide, the main "greenhouse gas". But the biodiversity convention is so badly drafted that other Western governments, including Britain, are signing it against their better judgment. America's Clean Air Act will probably bring its CO₂ emissions within the targets President Bush has declined to endorse. What is certain is that had America behaved irreproachably on both counts, it would still have headed the list, so hallowed is the tradition of bashing America at gatherings such as this. Britain owes its prominence not to its refusal to sign blank air cheques or to its refusal to sign blank air cheques or to support the creation of yet another UN bureaucracy dealing with the environment, a bureaucracy that would doubtless employ many of those gathered at the Global Forum.

This midpoint in the Rio summit green-house is the NGO's hour of glory. Had they saved their fire on the need for a global forestry convention and more attention to family planning, which Third World and Vatican objections have relegated to the margins of Rio, the green lobbies would have served a more useful purpose. That they should be wasting it in an ill-judged witch-hunt merely undermines their credibility.

ENGLAND'S NOBLE GRAPE

A British ambassador to France, agonising in his embassy's legendary wine cellar before a royal visit, telephoned the Palace to enquire whether the Queen really appreciated fine wines. "How would she know?" came the reply. "She's never tried anything else." So if the Queen was prepared to serve up English wine at a banquet she hosted for President Mitterrand last night in Paris, the royal seal of approval for Chiddington Pinot Noir '89 must be as watertight as a cork.

English wine is still too often treated as a joke or an oxymoron, like German humour or Italian efficiency. Not so long ago, antipodean vintages suffered from similar mockery. Now Australian and New Zealand wines are the flavour of London's quaffing classes. For the same price, a bottle of New World wine will often taste better than one from France.

Wine is not a natural product for our northern isles: only because of the warmth of the Gulf Stream is viticulture even conceivable. Many summers are too cold and wet to produce a crop at all. It is tempting to see wine-making in England and Wales (the Scots sensibly do not try) as a triumph of hope over weather.

Yet even the Romans, who introduced wine-growing to England, realised that with perseverance and the right kind of vine, English wine could be quite tolerable. Natural hazards need to be overcome, such as badgers' partiality to grapes. But the odd blazing summer, such as those of 1989 and 1990, can produce vintages that score highly even in blind wine-tastings.

Monasteries continued to tend the vineyards that the Romans had left behind. Though Anglo-Saxons tended, like their German cousins, to prefer beer, the Normans had a taste for wine. In the Middle Ages the English crown still owned wine-growing regions such as Aquitaine, allowing vast quantities of Bordeaux wine (known in English as claret) to be shipped in. But after the Hundred Years War England lost those lands, and by Shakespeare's time, sack — a dry white wine from Spain — was the favoured brew. "I'll purge, and leave sack, and live cleanly, as a nobleman should do," declared Falstaff, somewhat over-ambitiously, at the end of *Henry IV, Part I*.

Britons still import almost all their wine. Less than half of 1 per cent of the total consumed is home grown. Off-licences often fail to stock it and some two thirds of English wine is sold directly from vineyards. The good name of English wine has also been tainted by experience with the less palatable "British" wine, which is quite another matter: wine made in Britain using imported grape concentrate from Cyprus or Spain.

Breaky Bottom, Three Choirs and Chiddington may not yet slip off or past the tongue quite as easily as Chateaux Latour, Lafite or Mouton Rothschild. But wine-growing in Britain is becoming a more professional enterprise. England has so far not enjoyed a competitive advantage in the making of wine. But who knows? With a little global warming, England may end up swimming in grapes while the south of France produces little more than raisins.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reappointment of Delors and the Maastricht fall-out

From Professor Lord Beloff, FBA

Sir, The government seems rightly to have decided that any hopes for the Maastricht treaty depend upon giving life to the concept of subsidiarity — nothing to be done at the centre which we can do better ourselves. At the same time it appears to accept the reappointment of M Delors as President of the Commission (report, June 6).

The reason it gives is that no other candidate has emerged. Yet M Delors' concept of subsidiarity is totally at variance with that held by Danes, Britons and many other citizens in member-states.

The explanation is that the government seems to accept the idea that the President of the Commission and his colleagues must be party politicians, more used to giving orders than to executing them. What is needed is that the next president should be someone of permanent secretary status from Whitehall or an equivalent from another member-state.

Similar appointments should be made as positions fall vacant. Messrs Delors, De Michelis, Bangemann and Madame Papandreu are entitled to pursue political careers; but they must do so at home. We no more need Euro-politicians than Euro-sausages.

Such a change in the character of the Commission would not only give body to subsidiarity, it would also have the advantage of checking the waste and fraud inherent in the Community's present operations — an aspect of its affairs consistently pointed to by its own Court of Auditors and as consistently ignored by the present Commission.

Yours truly,

BELOFF,

House of Lords.

June 9.

From Dr Martin Holmes

Sir, Michael Dynes's defence of the EC Commission's harmonisation policy ("EC in shock horror tabloid outrage", *Media*, June 9) is unconvincing. It is not necessary to have "harmonisation" or "standardisation" in order to establish a single market: what harmonisation creates is a restrictive uniform market which deprives rather than enhances consumer choice.

Moreover, jobs are put at risk by the increased costs of harmonising zealotry. In my home town in

Grimby, the fishing industry — already blighted by the disastrous EC fisheries policy — faces further cost burdens resulting from harmonisation measures which even include the standardisation of foot-operated wash basins. Similarly, it is quite unnecessary to harmonise slaughterhouses in order to have a single market in food products. Nor is a 48-hour week necessary for a successful single market.

It is not national governments (through the single market process) that set the harmonisation drive in motion, as Mr Dynes claims, but the Commission. This obsession long pre-dates the single market endeavour. In his memoirs, *Time and Chance*, Lord Callaghan recalled the 1970s which spent "several hours discussing how to resolve our differences on standardising a fixed position of rearview mirrors on agricultural tractors".

The Commission has abused the noble aim of a single market to pursue such uniformity which, in the process, hastens the transfer of power from national parliaments to Brussels.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,

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44 Park Town, Oxford.

From the Editor of New European

Sir, It is deeply worrying to those of us who support the European ideal when we read of Mr Des Hanafin, a Fianna Fail senator, effectively being thrown out of the party for refusing to back the referendum bill ("Dublin fights for yes vote", report, June 9).

When will our European leaders learn that if we want to construct a durable Europe, we must build it on sound foundations and not on tricks and skulduggery. Sound and effective co-operation may not be enough; but it is better than an unsound "union", and it may be the best route to the ultimate fulfilment of the European ideal.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr George Thomas

Sir, You have reported several times that Mr Hurd is concerned that the British gains in the Maastricht

agreement would be jeopardised if negotiations were reopened. These gains seem to be no more than exclusions from commitments we particularly dislike.

What clauses should we positively like? The only suggestion has been that the treaty entrenches subsidiarity when in fact it gives the European Union competence in new areas such as consumer protection, education and vocational training, energy, the environment, town and country planning, health, industry, foreign affairs, security and defence, road and railway development, overseas aid, and visa, immigration and border controls.

What is left for subsidiarity, and who shall define what action can "be better achieved by the Community", as the treaty says? To judge by the foregoing the answers seem to be nothing and anything.

Unless Mr Hurd can describe what real benefits accrue to Britain from the agreement then it seems we risk nothing by renegotiation as no agreement can be concluded without our consent and we need not fear its failure.

Yours faithfully,
G. THOMAS,
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June 9.

From Mr Charles Wide

Sir, Subsidiarity cannot be depended upon to protect us from an over-centralised, over-regulated Europe. Who decides, in relation to any particular issue, which level of government is the most appropriate? What happens if European institutions constantly purport to exercise powers which we believe should be exercised by our national government?

The European Court of Justice cannot be an adequate safeguard. Whether a decision is best made at European rather than national level is a political not a legal question.

Rather than rely on a woolly, pseudo-legal concept, the areas of the Community's competence should be strictly and exhaustively defined, so that we can see exactly what we are letting ourselves in for.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES WIDE,
Mullions, Main Street, Yarwell,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
June 9.

Business letters, page 25

Passport to France

From Mr E. Anthony Lewis

Sir, Your photographs of Thomas Cook (June 5) call to mind the following item in *The Times* of September 30, 1867:

"British Workmen in Paris: Artisans visiting the Paris Exhibition should be cautioned against accepting the invitations of touts for lodgings, who haunt the railway stations and other places to offer their services to unwary Britons, many of whom have been thus victimized. If a workman going to Paris has not already made in London his arrangements for lodgings by correspondence with Mr Hodgson Platt, Vice-President of Mr Layard's committee, 265, Strand, London, or through Mr Cook, the well-known excursion manager, he should immediately when he arrives in Paris proceed by cab, which costs 2f, to the Workmen's Lodging-house in Avenue Rapp, close to the Exhibition. If this house be full, then let him go to the British Workman hall in the Exhibition and ask for M. Houssoullier, and he will escape all fleeing."

Yours faithfully,
E. ANTHONY LEWIS,
77 Devonian Lane,
Dukinfield, Cheshire.

Word-watching

From Mrs Ruth Hingston

Sir, Nearly every day Philip Howard catches me out in his word-watching safari. You can imagine my delighted surprise when I was able to return the compliment on June 1. Saul's daughter who married David was called Michal (no e). Michal is the name of one of the archangels.

The two names are written differently in the Hebrew script, so that one cannot possibly be taken for the other — particularly as "el" is the normal suffix which, translated, means God and which appears in the names of all the archangels. Incidentally, there was very little love of God apparent in King David's wife Michal.

Yours sincerely,

RUTH HINGSTON,
6 Parliament Court,
Parliament Hill, NW3.

Short deliveries

From Mr B. W. J. Rutherford

Sir, About 1,000 theatregoers were disgruntled at only receiving 40 minutes of entertainment at the Joan Rivers show on Sunday evening (report, June 8) having paid £25 per head for the privilege.

As they were offered refunds I am sure they will all agree that when compared to the thousands of cricket spectators who paid up to £26 per head, non-refundable, for one minute of indifferent action at Edgbaston on Friday, they received excellent value for money.

Yours faithfully,

B. W. J. RUTHERFORD,
23 Oxberby Avenue, SW6.
June 8.

Sports letters, page 32

Water charges

From Mr R. T. M. Ahern

Sir, Gas and electricity are supplied on the basis that you pay for your own consumption. Each of these utilities, therefore, feel it necessary to advertise their product extolling their virtues and encouraging us to use more.

Water on the other hand is supplied on the basis of a fixed charge — water utilities advertise to tell us to use less and conserve what we have.

Do you believe that, in say ten years' time, when all households have water meters and payment is based on usage, the water companies will still be asking us to conserve water?

Conversely, if electricity and gas were provided on a fixed-charge basis, do you think that each utility would advertise the other's product?

Yours faithfully,
R. T. M. AHERN,
5 Campden Hill Square, W8.
June 8.

From the Secretary of the Water Services Association

Sir, Professor S. J. Wyard's letter on water charges (June 9) is based on a misapprehension. Improvements to water supply and the water environment, currently costing £28 billion over ten years, are real but largely invisible.

It is these improvements, not payments to shareholders, directors or employees, that push up prices.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL CARNEY,
Secretary,
Water Services Association,
1 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
June 9.

Civil War 'coins'

From Mr Daniel Fearon

Sir, With respect, may I point out to those who worded the *Times* reader offer advertised in today's paper that Civil War coins are those coins struck during the period of the Civil War. They served, as does all coinage, as legal tender. Many such coins have survived, and are available in the commercial market. Collectors have enjoyed the study of these pieces from the earliest years of the Restoration.

The items you offer as "Civil War coins" are not coins but commemorative medallions — souvenirs, possibly even "majestic mementos" — and have no status as legal tender. Perhaps this should be made clear to all those rushing to complete their application forms.

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL FEARON
(Council member,
British Numismatic Trade Association),
PO Box 82, Coventry CV5 6SW.
June 8.

Nanny knows best

From Mr Richard Horton

Sir, Our local bank's cash dispenser is persistently out of order. On enquiring within the branch as to why, my wife was told the machine was charged with a fixed amount of money each week and only ran out because people withdrew more than they really needed.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HORTON,
31 Furze Lane, Purley, Surrey.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

If you could take it with you . . .

From Ms Toni Wallace

Sir, Re the late Robert Morley's instructions that his credit cards be buried alongside him (Mr Cheney's letter, June 5), I am reliably informed that the first thing I do each morning is reach for my hairbrush. I couldn't possibly step into the Unknown without it.

Yours sincerely,
TONI WALLACE,
10 Sussex Mews, Kemp Town,
Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mr Jonathan Wallace

Sir, Robert Morley and the management of the Putney Vale cemetery in south London are of one mind. In the car park is a newly-painted sign which, inter alia, advises: "Take all valuables with you."

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN WALLACE,
91 Priory Road, NW6.

From Mr C. M. L. Evans

Sir, In the unfortunate event of a miscarriage of justice and several thousand years ensuing before my sentence is quashed, after being found unsafe in the highest court of all, I will take a fire extinguisher.

Yours faithfully,
C. M. L. EVANS,
Stannage Farmhouse,
Churton, Chester.

From Mr D. H. Piper

Sir, My heirs and executors have asked me to be sure not to forget to have my pensioner's travel permit with me.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. PIPER,
49 Hans Place, SW1.

From Mrs Heather M. Tanner

Sir, I have specified a good map. I have immense trouble finding my way in this life, so am extremely worried about the next.

Yours faithfully,
HEATHER M. TANNER,
Kettleburgh Hall, Kettleburgh,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

From Mr Max Crofts

Sir, I go nowhere without my Swiss Army penknife. Yours faithfully, MAX CROFTS, Glenacre, The Hollow, Dunkerton, Bath, Avon.

From Mr Maurice Godbold

Sir, A crownbar, in case the affair proves premature. Yours faithfully, MAURICE GODBOLD, Mayrore Cottage, High Piford, Hindhead, Surrey.

From Mr Gordon W. Bull

Sir, In the firm belief that there will be golf courses in both heaven and hell, I shall be taking my handicap certificate.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON W. BULL,
6 The Brow, Chalfont St Giles,
Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Stuart Clive

Sir, My persimmon driver, beautifully made exactly as I wanted by Harry Busson, aged 85, at Walton Heath golf club. Left-handed and difficult to get here — possibly impossible elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,
STUART CLIVE,
23 Templewood,
Ealing, W13.

From Mr A. J. M. Hewitt

Sir, James Broadbridge, the Sussex cricketer who, in conjunction with F. W. Lillywhite, established round-arm bowling as the established style, used to carry his cricket bat when out walking. It was his talisman and was duly buried with him.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN HEWITT,
102a Westhall Road,
Warrington, Surrey.

From Sir David Willcocks

Sir, A pair of ear-plugs, in case the heavenly choir, singing everlastingly, are not in tune . . . not forgetting all those harps.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WILLCOCKS,
13 Grange Road, Cambridge.

From Mr Stephen Driver

Sir, Hedging my bets that it may not have reached the other side: my entire video library of *Neighbours*.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN DRIVER,
112 Rucklers Lane,
Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Doreen P. Mason

Sir, My collection of Glynedebourne programme books. Yours faithfully, DOREEN P. MASON, 75 Pilot Road, Hastings, East Sussex.

From Mr Michael O. Grant

Sir, A mobile phone — just in case. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL O. GRANT, The Woodlands, Hanchurch Lane, Hanchurch, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

From Mrs Felicity Butcher

Sir, My glasses — so that I can see where I'm going. Yours faithfully, FELICITY BUTCHER, 36 Slon Hill, Bath, Avon.

From Mr S. Isaacs

Sir, My bank manager. Yours faithfully, S. ISAACS, 129 Queensway, W2.

OBITUARIES

KENNETH TIMINGS

Edward Kenneth Timings, MVO, former Principal Assistant Keeper of Public Records, died at his home in London on May 31 aged 74. He was born on March 8, 1918.

KENNETH Timings devoted most of his career in the Public Record Office (PRO) to making available to others the extensive and enthusiastic knowledge that he acquired of the public records as a source of study. His abilities as a teacher were very considerable, whether in guiding young postgraduate students to research topics, or in assisting them with their research, or, later, in imparting what he knew to his younger colleagues, sometimes in notes, scribbled in an atrocious hand on incoming enquiries, or presiding at tea, which became an informal seminar. He was unstinting with his time, endlessly patient and kind. His rich, booming voice, as he explained the intricacies of Chancery Proceedings, or the Foreign Office Correspondence in the academic quiet of the Round Room, would have irritated other researchers, had they not had reason to be grateful themselves for similar scholarly expositions. As he was constantly said of him, he will live on in the acknowledgements and footnotes of an untold number of publications. His generosity to his extensive circle of friends, which came to include many of the



researchers he assisted and his colleagues of all ages, reached well beyond the PRO, and many of them came to enjoy through him the splendours of the Garrick Club or benefited from his hospitality in his flat, cluttered with his collections of books and objects. He loved organising what he always called *vis d'honneur* after work for colleagues on the slightest excuse. He also devoted much time to befriending a group of elderly ladies, whom he had left single and to whom the PRO had at some stage become something of a second home. They included a number of the professional record agents, of whom one was Beveridge's research assistant, Mildred Wren-Smith, and he delighted in their scholarship and in their eccentricities. Timings was educated at King Edward VI School,

Birmingham, and King's College, Cambridge, where he obtained a double first in history. After the war, in which he served in the RNRV in West and North Africa as a liaison officer with the Free French forces, it was at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane that in 1947 he found what was to be his life's work and was appointed an assistant keeper. After serving in the search rooms and engaging in editorial work, and also in 1956 taking up a part-time lectureship in the University College London archive diploma course, Timings was promoted in 1963 to spend four not particularly happy years overseeing the processes of selection of modern departmental records. He moved to become the head of the search department in 1967 and remained there until his retirement in 1978 in which year he was made MVO.

His work in the search room left him little time, with one exception, for published work other than articles. He liked to recall that, during the interview for his job, the formidable Hilary Jenkins asked him which was his particular field of English historical study, and, on his answering that it was the end of the seventeenth century, asked further, "Which end?" This knowledge of later Stuart history provided the foundation of his single substantial published work, the editing of the three volumes of the *Calendar of State Papers Domestic James II*. This summary of the domestic correspondence and papers of the King's secretaries of state provides access to countless records of constitutional, political and ecclesiastical significance for the history of the reign.

Timings was an old world figure, only ever travelling around London by bus or by taxi, and he was given to saying, far from wholly untruthfully, that he change would turn out to be for the worse. As the great tides of contemporary records swept into the PRO from the late 1960s onwards, it ceased to be possible, as it still had been in the 1950s, for a single person to achieve or to maintain the grasp of the public records that had been his, and this saddened him. The growth of the records also made inevitable the building of a new record office, which opened in Kew in 1977, and he detested it and the splitting of the PRO in two. His last years at work were spent feeling increasingly out of sorts with developments around him and combating the breakdown of his health, although none of this was permitted to abate his private sociability and generosity. It was therefore a particular sadness to his many friends that in retirement he withdrew into a reclusiveness which it was extremely difficult to break through, and he spent his final years alone (he never married), not uncheerfully surrounded by his books.

SLAMET BRATANATA

Slamet Bratanata, leading Indonesian political dissident, died from a brain tumour on June 5 aged 64.

SLAMAT Bratanata was the spokesman of the Petition of 50 movement, set up 12 years ago by ex-generals, former cabinet ministers and religious leaders to campaign for constitutional and democratic rights in Indonesia. The group repeatedly accused President Suharto of stifling democracy and handing lucrative business concessions to his relatives. The government banned members of the group from

travelling abroad and forbade banks to lend them money. Until recently the Indonesian media were not allowed to quote anything they said.

Bratanata, a minister of mines in the early days of Suharto's rule, was the author of often-barbed editorials in one of Jakarta's English-language dailies and was frequently quoted by the foreign media. Earlier this year he and other dissidents established the Forum for Purification of Democracy, which, in May, made one of the most outspoken public attacks on President Suharto.

Lady Annie Emily Malabar, of London SW1, left estate valued at £1,133,245 net. She directed her trustees to establish the Jack and Pat Malabar Charitable Foundation, and left the foundation £1,000,000. After some personal bequests she left 3 per cent of the residue for £15,000 whichever be less each to the Carlton Club, London, the RNLI, Llangollen Cottage Hospital, Chwyd, and the Fitzroy Nuffield Hospital, London W1; and the balance to the charitable foundation.

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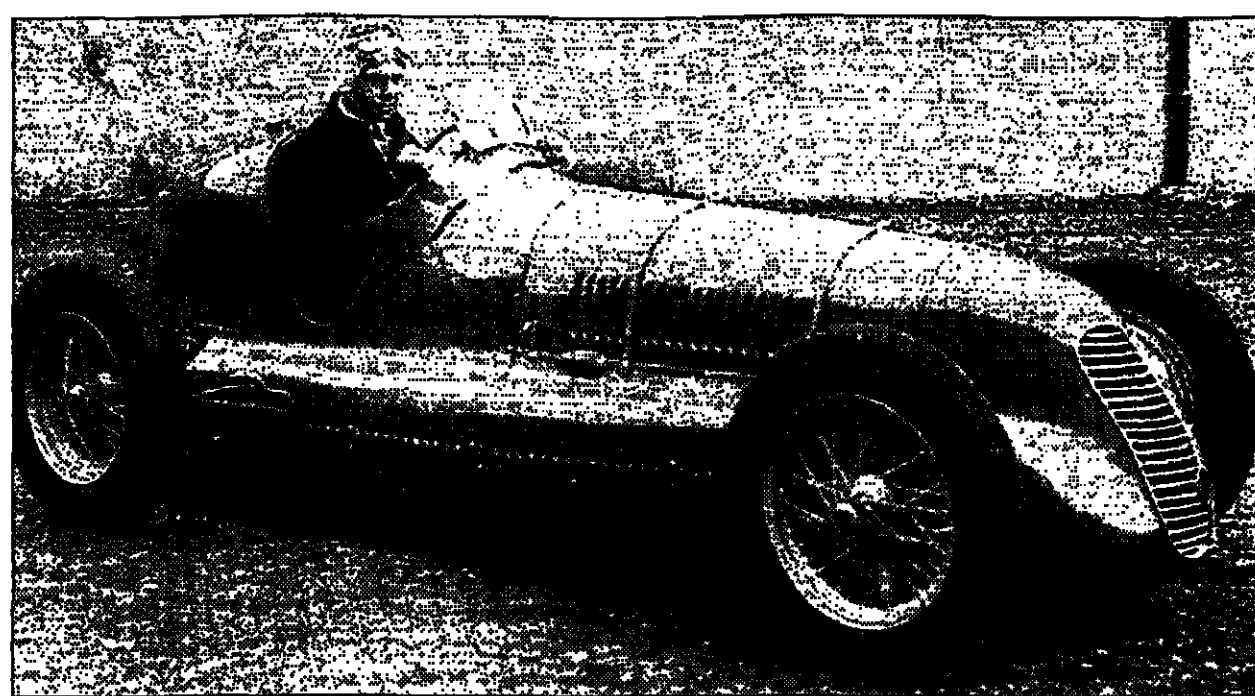
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REGINALD TONGUE



Reginald Tongue at the wheel of his Maserati 4CL voiturette racing car shortly before the war

Reginald Ellis Tongue, racing motorist, died on June 1 aged 79. He was born on July 17, 1912.

REGGIE Tongue was a member of that bright band of debonair, wealthy amateur racing drivers who made their mark at Brooklands and on the Continent during the Thirties before devoting themselves with equal enthusiasm to fighting the Battle of Britain.

Tongue was always among the front runners of his day, achieving numerous successes including, most notably, victory in the 1936 Cork 200-mile race. Under vastly different circumstances, he would probably today rank among the top half-dozen Grand Prix drivers in the field.

When war began Tongue, as a member of the RAFVR, was swept into combat, flying Spitfires with distinction. Later he was appointed a test

pilot to Rolls-Royce and after the war, although his interest in motor sport remained undimmed, he chose not to return as a driver, but instead was instrumental in founding and developing the Oulton Park racing circuit.

Tongue gained his love of motor sport from his father, who had the wherewithal to enjoy motoring in a number of fine cars including a 3-litre Bentley and a 1924 10/23 Talbot two-seater. The Talbot was the first car driven by young Reggie who, in his father's absence on business in Ireland, took it flat out in second gear round the lawn with destructive effect. When Reggie wrote from Sedburgh for pocket money, his irate parent replied to the effect that he would be paying off damage to the lawn until long after his school days were over.

Tongue's father died while his son was still at school and

his trustees decided unilaterally that the Bentley must go, in view of its unsuitability for a young man. They said, however, that he could keep his father's everyday MG 14/40 fabric saloon. However, Tongue had other ideas and, while in the sixth form, applied pressure to his trustees, who were eventually persuaded that an open sports car was, after all, more appropriate. An order was duly placed for a new Brooklands Riley car which Tongue was not allowed to race but with which he began his competitive career in the reliability trials of the day.

While at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1935, he purchased from Dick Seaman the ex-Whitney Straight MG Magnette racing car. A year later he took delivery of a brand new ERA single-seater with which he embarked on a serious programme of races at Brooklands and on the

Continent. In 1939 he became the first owner of a Maserati 4CL — the outstanding privately available voiturette racing car of the period, and was closely involved with the organisation of John Cobb's successful attack on the world land speed record at Utah in a car built by Thomson & Taylor (Brooklands), of which he was later chairman.

His sports energies after the war turned to sailing, shooting and, much later, to riding with the Cheshire Forest Hunt. Having skilfully avoided the need for regular employment in his racing days, Tongue after the war became chairman of Lookers and other motor companies.

He was a Freeman of the City of London and a past Master of the Worshipful Company of Liners.

Reggie Tongue is survived by his second wife Elsie, his son and two daughters.

LAURENCE NAISMITH



As an avuncular Merlin in *Camelot*, 1967

Laurence Naismith, character actor of stage and screen, died in Queensland, Australia on June 5 aged 83. He was born at Thames Ditton, Surrey, on December 4, 1908.

LAURENCE Naismith was one of those "I know the face but" actors, born to play Falstaff or Henry VIII but destined to make character appearances in more than fifty movies, while on stage only occasionally achieving the critical and classical eminence that his stature and bearing would seem to have promised.

Born Laurence Johnson he was educated at the All Saints Choir School in Marylebone where an exact contemporary was the teenage Laurence Olivier, whom Naismith later recalled as "awkward as a cow trying to balance on a wire".

The theatre was not his first choice of profession, but after several months as a merchant seaman he was drawn to the footlights, making his debut rather uncharacteristically in the chorus line of *Oh Kay!* at His Majesty's in September 1927, though musicals were to form a strong part of his late movie career. From there he went to the Bristol Repertory Company, first as a stage manager, and he spent the 1930s in a series of regional companies, before forming several small-scale touring ventures of his own as an actor-manager.

He served throughout the war with the Royal Artillery, ending in 1946 as an acting battery commander, and then returned to the West End as the Salesman in *Rocket to the Moon*, where Harold Hobson saluted him for "a performance of brief, swift, guileless and unsuspecting heroism".

His next major role came in the 1953 Coronation revival

of Shaw's *The Apple Cart*, where he played Troteus the prime minister to the King Magnus of Noel Coward. On one celebrated afternoon, Coward was leading a party of distinguished continental embassy visitors on a backstage tour of the Haymarket when they came upon an unsuspecting, bearded and bulky Naismith, dressed only in a pair of jockey shorts, making a telephone call from the stage door. "And that," said an unperturbed Coward, concluding his tour to the astonished visitors, "is our Miss Prendergast, such a hairy girl."

Throughout the 1950s Naismith's large, bearded figure remained a familiar part of the West End, where his roles included Winthrop in Charles Morgan's *The Burning Glass*, Cauchon in *The Lark and Dvorkin* in *Summer Song*, which reintroduced him to the world of musicals where he went on to score a notable double as Martin and Pangloss in the original 1959 staging of Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* at the Saville.

He made his New York debut on Broadway in 1963, playing Oliver Surface in a Gielgud production of *The*

School for Scandal which had already opened to great acclaim at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, and for much of the rest of that decade he remained in America, playing a notable Father Christmas in an otherwise undistinguished Meredith Wilson musical called *Thurston's Love*. His last major London stage appearance was in 1971 as Arthur Winslow in a revival of Rattigan's *The Winslow Boy*.

Naismith's film career was equally prolific, starting in 1947 with a minor role in *Trouble in the Air*. He was reunited with his old schoolmate Olivier for *The Beggar's Opera* in 1951, and then again in 1956, in a performance of notable dignity, when he was the Lord Stanley who retrieves Richard III's crown on Bosworth field.

Among his many other film roles were the agonised Captain of the Titanic in *A Night to Remember* (1958), an avuncular Merlin in *Camelot* (1967), another musical appearance in *Scrooge* (1970) and the ghostly title role in *The Amazing Mr Blunden* (1972).

His television appearances were less frequent, though he played the Judge in *The Persuaders* series and was in one or two BBC TV Shakespeares, notably the 1979 *Romeo and Juliet*. His very last roles included the James Bond adventure *Diamonds Are Forever* and some minor television, but through the 1980s he was often to be found in Berkshire village pubs near his Newbury home, still a Falstaffian figure of immense jollity who never managed to seize the crown of a King Lear. He was married to Christine Bocca, and listed his loves as "home, family, swimming, bridge and horseracing".

KATE WHARTON

Kate Wharton, journalist and author, died on June 6 aged 61. She was born on April 10, 1931.

KATE Wharton was a writer whose own life was quite as interesting and romantic as those of the people about whom she wrote with sympathy and style for a decade in the *Mail on Sunday*. Her unconventional 20-year marriage to Michael Wharton, one of the founders, and subsequently the mainstay, of the Peter Simple column in *The Daily Telegraph*, was vividly described in Wharton's two volumes of memoirs, *The Missing Will* and *A Dubious Codicil*.

They met in 1951, when she was 20-year-old Kate Derrington, a convent-educated girl from Birmingham who had hitch-hiked to London to find employment as a writer. Wharton was working for the BBC. He described her as a tall blonde, "wildly egotistical, wild and dangerous", but they shared a love of books, poetry, music, wine and walking in the country.

Their marriage, in the early years, was an "open" one in which both enjoyed other relationships. There was one daughter of the marriage, Jane, but the household was later to expand to include Kate's two children, Vicki and Kit, by Colin Welch, Wharton's friend and colleague as Peter Simple.

Wharton himself described his wife's attachment to Welch as "a commitment to a lifelong love affair". The principals maintained their friendships but the tensions of their unusual ménage led to a fair degree of what Michael Wharton called "horror, verbal abuse" and the smashing of plates and the flinging of briefcases and handbags from taxis in motion.

It was an assignment for the newspaper, investigating the background to the Baroness Susan de Stempel Affair, in which the baroness was jailed for seven years for defrauding Lady Illingworth, her senile aunt, out of her fortune, which led to her best-selling book on the case, *Blood Money*. Ironically, its success opened the prospect of a new career as a full-time author. But soon after its publication Kate Wharton was diagnosed as having cancer.

An enormously popular figure in Fleet Street before the newspaper diaspora, Kate Wharton enjoyed a wide circle of devoted friends wherever newspaper people gathered.

APPRECIATION

Edouard Roditi

MAY I add another coda to your excellent obituary on Edouard Roditi (May 18) in a more personal tone? When I lived in Paris from 1947 to 1959, Edouard was one of my best friends. He was not only exceptionally brilliant, but also so very hospitable and kind, and I always found him extremely witty with a great sense of humour.

He loved feeding people, and would boast about how little he had spent on creating some delicious concoction. He was able to write his articles at his typewriter with a room full of people. But he was basically a sad man and spent many hours on the psychotherapist's couch.

He was always intending to come to Venice after 1962,



but never made it. But I stayed with him twice again in Paris. I remember him with the greatest affection as one of the most extraordinary people I have ever known.

Christina Sinclair Thoresby

June 11 ON THIS DAY 1982



On June 14, Mrs Thatcher informed the House of Commons that British forces were in command in the Falklands — an operation "boldly planned, bravely executed and brilliantly accomplished". But there is always a price to be paid for victory: 56 men were killed or missing in the action below: the death toll for the campaign was 255.

Task force's darkest hour

John Witherow of *The Times* gives, in a pooled dispatch, an eye-witness account of Tuesday's air attacks on the landing ships Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram.

Argentine warplanes crippled two British supply ships in the first low-level air strike over the advancing invasion force for ten days. The number of dead was not immediately known; but up to 80 men were badly burnt from explosions. In a second raid two hours later, Skyhawk jets attacked and damaged a small troop-carrying landing craft in the Cheseau Sound. A number of troops were feared dead. British forces later claimed they had shot down three of the attacking aircraft.

Two Mirages and two Skyhawks were in undetected over the land to strike at the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram. Two bombs hit Sir Galahad, one exploding astern, rocking the vessel and sending thick black smoke billowing high above Fitzroy settlement. 20 miles south-west of Port Stanley, between 500 and 600 men were on board, including Welsh Guards and Royal Marines, waiting to go ashore. Sir Tristram was believed to have been hit by rockets and cannon fire. Both ships were abandoned rapidly and flames from the vessels lit up the night sky. The narrow inlet of Port

Pleasant was filled with lifeboats, orange inflatable life rafts and landing craft after the attack, ferrying survivors and injured ashore. Casualties, some screaming in agony, were stretched to a field hospital and then flown back by a continuous shuttle of helicopters to the established medical centre at San Carlos Bay. Many are likely to be transferred to the hospital ship *Uganda*. For hours after the raid, survivors, many still dressed in white anti-flash clothes and luminous orange survival suits, wandered around the settlement, dazed by the suddenness of the attack.

One stunned group of Welsh Guards, their hair singed in the blaze on board Sir Galahad, hastily built a peat shelter. They were unusually subdued as their names were checked. Children from the settlement, apparently oblivious to the air threat, handed them jugs of hot tea. The guardsmen described how they escaped from the burning ship and how one man was dragged up on deck with his clothes on fire. One man quietly left the shelter and was sick behind a fence.

One crew survivor, Andrew Pillingier, aged 28, a Second Radio Officer from Bath, said: "There was no warning. I was on the flight deck and the first thing I heard was jets coming over and then the bombs... Two hit us, may be three. I went back to my cabin, but the smoke was very thick and I had to feel my way down the corridor. People were screaming, trapped in their rooms. People were in agony. There was mangled wreckage in the corridor. I must have been very lucky."

The ship's purser, John Hood, aged 27, from Renfrewshire, said: "I was in the office and felt two thuds, as if someone was slamming watertight doors. The lights went out. There were screams and thick black smoke. I was amidships and had time to get back to my cabin and grab the ship's papers before running up to the deck."

Latest wills

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Rome attacks 'immoral' books

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Vatican has called on Roman Catholic bishops to denounce any publications which "harm correct faith or good morals".

A document signed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, says "erroneous ideas" are becoming ever more widespread because of the media, particularly through books.

Cardinal Ratzinger reminds the bishops of their powers to exert censorship and apply "administrative and penal sanctions" where necessary. He says they have an obligation not to offer for sale in their churches "publications which deal with ques-

tions of religion or morals and have not received the permission or approval of church authority".

The main aim of the document is to remind secular priests and members of religious orders of canon law regarding writing and publishing. The document, however, says all the "Christian faithful" in the publishing trade have "a proper and particular responsibility for the promotion of sound doctrine and good morals".

It says the norms of canon law guarantee freedom for all including Catholic journalists, whom it says have the right "to communicate their thought while maintaining

the integrity of the faith and the church's teaching on morals and due respect for the bishops". The congregation knows of the difficulties under which journalists labour, the document says.

Cardinal Ratzinger does not mention specific cases, but the document represents growing irritation in the Vatican at attacks by Catholics on issues such as celibacy and contraception.

A spokesman for the Catholic church in England and Wales said much of the document was addressed to Catholics publishing houses. It was more likely to be aimed at Catholics on the Continent than in this country, he said.

University news

The following honorary degrees will be conferred next month: D.Litt Mrs Joan Fitch, former governor of Charlotte Mason College, Ambleside; the Rt Rev Brian Foley, former Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster; D.Sc Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, Deputy Pro-Chancellor of the university; M.Sc Mr Reginald Kaye, author on ferns.

The following to be conferred in December: D.Mus Sir Edward Downes; D.Sc Mr F. Hugh Howorth, for work on elimination of infection during surgery.

Stirling Richard Johnstone has been appointed to a university chair in education. Professor Johnstone is director of the Scottish Centre for Language Teaching and Research and director of the university's initial teacher education programme.

BY PAUL WILKINSON

She said that when the time was right she would tell their son "exactly what his father had stood for, and how he had died. I will keep a scrapbook for him to see, so that when children ask him why he hasn't got a father, he can

Mason



From what the public were allowed to see yesterday you would conclude only that Masonry involved a lot of standing up and sitting down, several long speeches and the

At 6pm, when it was all over, the Masons raced for the Earls Court bars. So maybe they are not that different from rock fans after all.

Rumours of a coup were rapidly followed by a conviction that, under growing pressure from sanctions, Colonel Gaddafi had turned to self-criticism as a method of preserving the grip on power which he has maintained for 23 years.

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Amersham thrives despite costs

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

AMERSHAM International, the health science group, had to absorb additional costs in securing isotopes from Russian and Canadian sources in the year to the end of March in order to replace those previously bought from Harwell, but was still able to achieve a 34 per cent advance in 1992 pre-tax profits.

The group has changed its accounting policy, which knocks £1 million off 1991 profits, and which involved a further £1 million provision in its 1992 financial year to cater for the longer term costs of disposing of radioactive waste. Amersham's overall provision for eventual waste disposal costs of £9.6 million has been accounted for through the balance sheet.

Bill Castell, Amersham's chief executive, acknowledged that the group's task was to direct a higher proportion of products from its core life science division from the scientific world to the world of

pharmaceuticals. "We would aim to become the Tesco of the life sciences industries," Mr Castell said in outlining corporate ambitions.

Pre-tax profits in the year to March rose from a restated £15.5 million to £20.7 million, on a turnover 13 per cent higher at £273.5 million. The final dividend rises to 8.8p a share (8.1p), making 12.5p a share for the year, covered 1.9 times by net earnings.

Group borrowings were reduced and the net interest charge fell from £4.2 million to £2.8 million, helped by the receipt of £47 million of deferred payment from Eastman Kodak from the earlier sale of Amerlite Diagnostics.

Of the group's operating profit of £23.5 million (£19.7 million, restated), life sciences contributed £20.9 million.

Mr Castell gave a warning that trading conditions remain difficult in many of the regions in which Amersham operates.



Profits looking up: Bill Castell, chief executive of Amersham International yesterday

Misco is offered for sale by parent

By Jon Ashworth

THE electronic and electrical parts distributor, Electrocomponents, has put its Misco computer supplies side up for sale after another difficult year. Pre-tax profits slipped 9.6 per cent to £49.9 million in the year to March 31 on sales down 4.9 per cent at £395.1 million. A final dividend of 5.1p (4.8p) makes 7p (6.6p).

The fall in sales was blamed on the closure of the group's lighting companies last year. Sir Keith Bright, chairman, said trading conditions were the most difficult the group had experienced. Despite signs that the recession in the UK has reached bottom, he does not expect prospects to improve in the near term.

A strategic focus on RS, its main electrical components distribution business, had been rewarded with record profits. The recession had hit all other sectors but concentration on cash management had left the group debt-free. Operating profits at RS advanced slightly to £56.9 million (£56.5 million). Misco fell into a loss of £3 million before tax.

Corporate fraud reaches record

THE number of cases of corporate fraud where the missing funds exceed £100,000 rose by half in the first four months of this year, producing a record total of £269 million of missing funds, according to KPMG Peat Marwick's fraud barometer. Peat Marwick said that the number of fraud cases rose from 22 to 33 from January to April inclusive, while the total amount at risk swelled from an average of £125 million — the previous four years' four-monthly average — to £269 million. In the year to April 30, the total amount defrauded or at risk soared from £197 million to £622 million.

These figures do not include any of the alleged losses involving the Maxwell group of companies. Peat Marwick suggested that companies beware employees who live an extravagant lifestyle that could not be funded from their salary; maintain strict internal controls and subject them to annual review and always check the credentials of anyone offering investment advice.

BCCI battle wages

CREDITORS who reject the \$1.7 billion deal struck by the liquidators of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International are not a "troublesome and vocal minority spoiling for a fight", their QC, told the High Court yesterday. A plea by Touche Ross, BCCI's UK liquidators, for sanction of the deal was also opposed by the Depositors' Protection Association, with claims of \$1 billion and the Faisal Islamic Bank, \$340 million. The hearing continues.

Daily Mail slips back

PRE-TAX profit at Daily Mail and General Trust, the newspaper publisher, slipped to £22.8 million (£23.9 million) on turnover of £326.7 million (£313.3 million) in the six months to March 31 as advertising revenues remained weak. There is an interim dividend of 3.2p (2.9p). Associated Newspapers, publisher of the Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday and the London Evening Standard, increased trading profits.

Oriflame recovers

ORIFLAME International, the Swedish cosmetics group that is listed in London, has swung back from a gloomy 1990 by raising its pre-tax profits 10 per cent to £8.9 million in the year to end March. This compares with a 37 per cent fall in profits last time. Sales rose 17 per cent to £64.7 million. An unchanged final dividend of 8p maintains the total at 12p. In January, Oriflame paid up to £11.5 million for ACO Skin Care, Sweden's best-known skin-care brand.

J&FB profit drops

AN EXPENSIVE cost-reduction programme at Johnson & Firth Brown, the metals and engineering group, pushed profits lower in the half year to end-March. Pre-tax profits slipped to £3.3 million (£5 million) on turnover of £60.2 million (£60.8 million). The interim dividend stays at 1p. John Clay, the chairman, said that pressure on margins is "intense" and that steps had been taken to cut costs to mitigate this.

Stoy Hayward merges

STOY Hayward, Britain's tenth-largest firm of chartered accountants, is merging with Finnie & Co, ranked 20th, in a move to increase its presence in the South East. Finnie has a wide network of offices within the M25 belt. The enlarged firm will have 176 partners, 1,300 staff and annual fee income of more than £80 million. It will be known as Stoy Hayward.

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Mental anguish cover

GENERAL Accident Insurance Co, a unit of General Accident Plc, said a New York State appeals court ruled that insurers must cover mental anguish verdicts against holders of comprehensive liability policies. A Manhattan woman sued General Accident, her insurer, after the company refused to pay \$400,000 damages awarded against her when she was sued by a tenant who had suffered insomnia and nervousness after the ceiling of his bedroom collapsed.

Kvaerner moves ahead

KVAERNER, the Norwegian offshore and shipbuilding group that owns Britain's last big commercial shipyard on the Clyde, made Nkr424 million (£37.5 million) profits for the first four months of 1992 (Nkr401 million). The company, whose shares are traded in London, gave the terms of its one-for-seven rights issue of 5.6 million new shares, fixing a subscription price for the previously announced issue at Nkr175 for all share classes.

Water dividend up

NORTHUMBRIAN Water has raised its dividend for the year to end-March by 10.2 per cent to 20.5p, improving slightly on the 9.7 per cent rise in its interim payment. Sir Michael Straker, the chairman, said this was broadly in line with the increase envisaged when its price limits were set. Pre-tax profits recovered strongly after a 14 per cent dip in 1990-91, rising 30 per cent to £61.1 million on turnover up 22 per cent to £204 million.

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Foreign activity limits Cape slide

By Colin Campbell

CAPE, manufacturer of fire protection products and construction-related materials, and 66.5 per cent owned by Charter Consolidated, limited the decline in 1992 operating profits to 14 per cent against the background of a deep recession in several of its markets.

Jeffrey Herbert, chairman, and Michael Farebrother, chief executive, said Cape had deliberately structured its activities in recent years in order to be less dependent on the British economy, and that 39 per cent of group turnover was now generated abroad — compared with 29 per cent of turnover in 1991, and 23 per cent of turnover in 1990.

Pre-tax profits in the year to end March totalled £13.6 million (£17.1 million) on a turnover that was 10 per cent higher at £202.9 million. Net cash balances at year end stood at £16.4 million (£21.7 million). The return on average capital employed was 26

per cent, compared with 32 per cent a year earlier.

Cape will continue to seek acquisitions in all markets, the directors said.

The group has re-opened its office in Kuwait and plans to open an office in China to act as a base for the promotion of Cape's fire protection products.

The company made its final exit from asbestos-related products three years ago, although an annual provision charged against profits for compensation for industrial disease was likely to remain a charge against profits for some years yet. The compensation charge against 1992 profits was £1.25 million, down from £1.3 million.

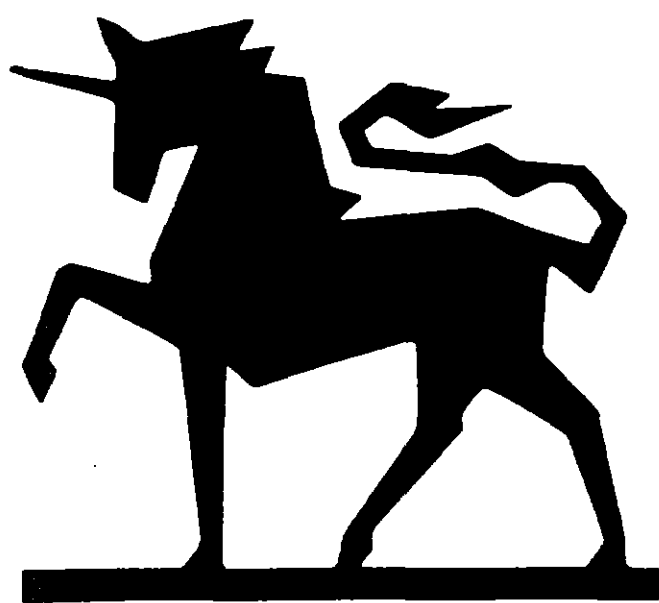
The final dividend is held at 7.5p a share, making an unchanged total dividend of 10.5p a share, covered 1.5 times by net earnings of 17p a share.

Cape shares were unchanged at 223p.

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Heseltine refers two rival bids for BIH

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BIDS by Britain's two biggest North Sea helicopter operators for British International Helicopters (BIH), their smaller rival, have been referred to the monopolies commission.

Rival offers from a management consortium and Offshore Logistics, the American group, escaped a reference. BIH, which formed part of Robert Maxwell's group of private companies, was placed in administrative receivership last December. The company was offered for

sale by the receiver, John Talbot of Arthur Andersen.

More than six bids are understood to have been made for the business. Only four were reviewed by the Office of Fair Trading. An Arthur Andersen spokesman could not say whether the administrator would proceed with the auction, or await the outcome of the MMC investigation.

However, Murdoch McKillop, one of the joint administrators, said the referral added to serious regulatory hurdles faced by all the offers. "Today's DTI decision will inevitably add to the uncertainty surrounding BIH's future," he said. "It will inevitably have an adverse impact on the company's creditors."

Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, referred bids from Bristow Helicopter Group and Bell Helicopters on the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading. Sir Gordon said he was concerned about any further concentration of ownership in helicopter services to the North Sea oil industry.

BIH, which is believed to have large debts to other Maxwell companies, is one of only three helicopter companies providing services to the North Sea oil industry worth £200 million a year.

The company has a key contract to provide services to Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, and operates 16 long range and four short range machines from Aberdeen airport. Machines based in Penzance provide the only scheduled helicopter service to the Isles of Scilly. These are not covered by the reference.

Bristow is the world's biggest helicopter operator. It is also the biggest operator in the North Sea, with 37 long range helicopters and 17 medium-sized machines. Bond Helicopters operates 10 long-range helicopters and 23 medium machines from Great Yarmouth and Aberdeen.

According to industry estimates, Bristow would control three-quarters of the North Sea helicopter services market if it were to acquire BIH, while a purchase by Bond would leave two players each controlling half the market.



HAMBROS, the merchant bank headed by John Keswick, chairman (left) and Christopher Spörborg, his deputy, hinted that its inner reserves were more than £37 million. It said, however, that it would not reveal them until the EC's deadline in 1994, because of continuing confusion over international regulatory requirements. Hambros reported a 1 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £74.4 million for the year to March 31, due to losses from its estate agency subsidiary. The final dividend is 9.6p, making 13.8p for the year.

Bar sought on audit of own valuations

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE accounting institutes' joint ethics committee has recommended a company's auditors should not be permitted to audit specialist valuations, including that of brand names, that had been made by the auditor or an associate, unless they are immaterial. The recommendation is a response to complaints that auditors promoted their own valuation services unfairly.

The committee has also recommended guidelines for opinion shopping, where a company asks rival firms for a more favourable accounting interpretation of transactions than its own auditor favours.

An accountancy firm asked for a second opinion by a firm that is not a client should only do so if it has contacted the auditors and has access to the same information. Otherwise, it should give only a generic opinion which is hedged by caveats about its

lack of knowledge of the individual circumstances. The proposals, which were published yesterday for comment before recommendations are made to the member institutes, are the product of earlier consultation documents seeking views from accountants' views. A new consultation document seeking views about the ethics of predatory pricing for auditing contracts, known among accountants as low-balling,

was also published yesterday. Edwin Glasgow QC, chairman of the Financial Reporting Review Panel, which seeks to enforce accounting standards, says that all 240 of the quoted companies which failed to disclose whether their accounts were prepared in accordance with accounting standards have now agreed to do so after intervention by the panel.

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Aviation losses damage CE Heath

By JONATHAN PRYNN

EXCEPTIONAL losses of £12.4 million arising from aviation underwriting have left pre-tax profits at CE Heath, the insurance broking group, 25 per cent lower at £19.1 million for the year to end-March.

CE Heath assumed the aviation underwriting losses when it floated 45 per cent of its Australian underwriting subsidiary, CE Heath International Holdings, on the Australian stock market in April. The aviation activities have been discontinued.

At the operating level, the group performed well, with insurance brokerage up 31 per cent to exceed the £100 million mark for the first time. After acquisitions, the underlying increase in brokerage was 13 per cent. The overseas broking subsidiaries all reported strong gains.

Pre-tax profits before exceptional items rose 9 per cent to £31.5 million. The final dividend has been maintained at 18.375p, making an unchanged 25.875p.

The Australian flotation and the disposal of Pinnacle, the group's financial reinsurance subsidiary last year, has reduced gearing to below 30 per cent.

High Court rules on swap deal

THE High Court ruled yesterday on which of the banks that face losses on interest rate swap deals with local authorities should pursue test actions in court. Mr Justice Hirst made his decision after the six cases previously chosen as "lead" actions — with the aim of determining key issues — settled out of court.

Several dozen banks and a greater number of local authorities are involved in more than 200 outstanding swaps cases, which arose from a House of Lords ruling that swaps transactions, widely used by councils to maximise their finances, were unlawful. The first of the new lead actions to come to court, on January 11 next year, will be a claim for just over £5 million by SG Warburg against Birmingham City Council.

The issue, common to every outstanding case, is whether claims for restitution by the banks are sound in law. Should that case be settled in the meantime, the court will hear either the claim by Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale against Islington Borough Council, north London, for £1.145 million, or that by Kleinwort Benson against Sandwell council, West Midlands, for just over £360,000. It is possible that both will be heard.

Louis-Dreyfus to leave Saatchi

By MARTIN WALLER



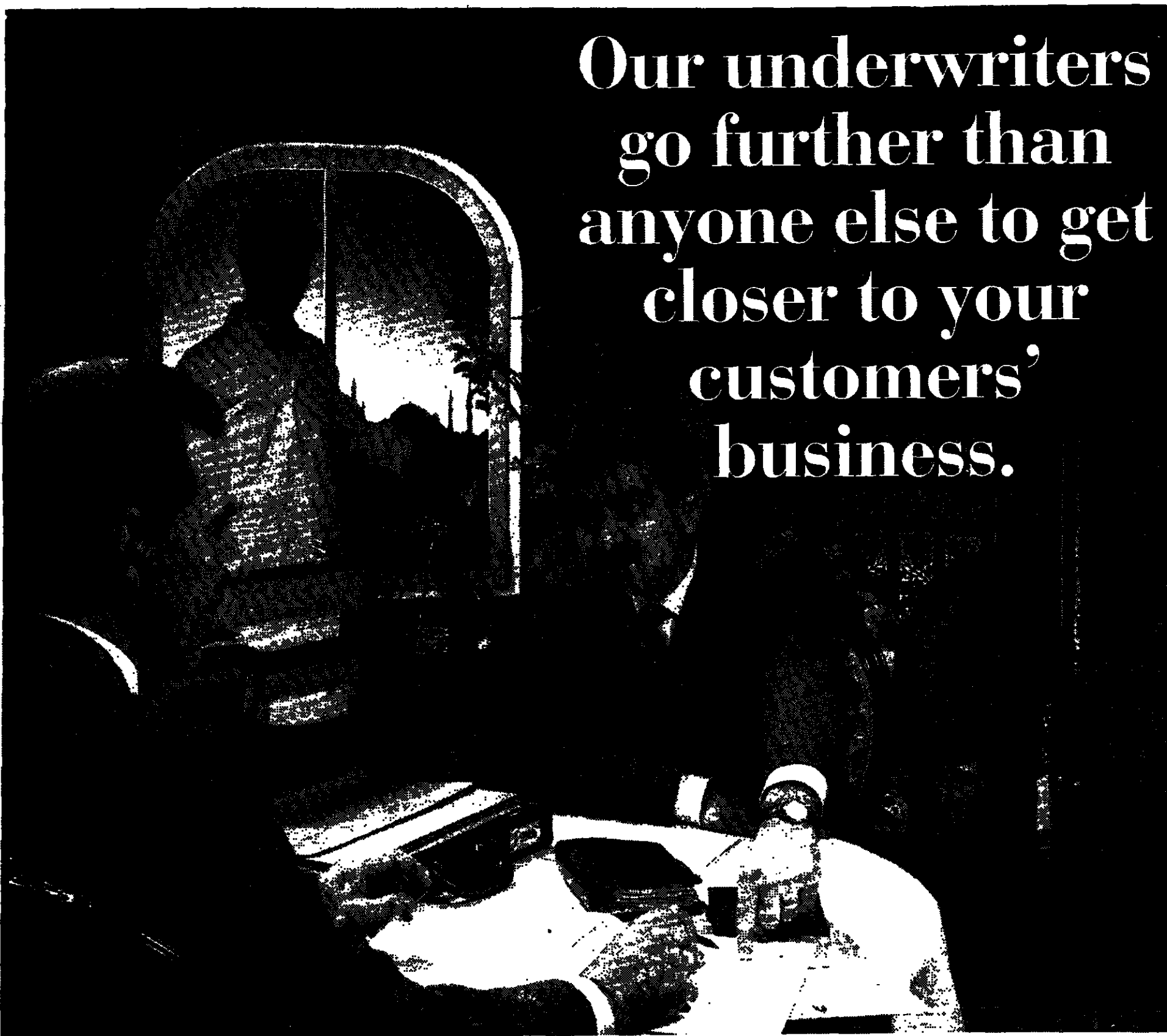
Saatchi, took up the post in January 1990. Maurice Saatchi, the chairman, said M Louis-Dreyfus had seen the job as a medium-term challenge and was standing down as expected.

M Louis-Dreyfus replaced Mr Saatchi and his brother Charles as chief executive and is widely credited with the much-needed financial restructuring that followed. He told shareholders that so far 1992 had shown that the worst was over, although there was no real sign of an upturn in client spending and there remained many uncertainties about the pace of world recovery.

Average net debt for 1992 was expected to be about £200 million. "I continue to be confident that 1992 will mark the start of an improved performance by the group despite the outlook for little, if any, improvement in revenue," M Louis-Dreyfus said.

Louis-Dreyfus credited ROBERT Louis-Dreyfus, chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi Company, the advertising group, will stand down in the middle of next year in favour of Charles Scott, currently chief operating officer, he told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting.

M Louis-Dreyfus, who built up the world's second-largest market research group in America before joining



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ANSPRUNG (Fin)

Pre-tax: £4.9m (£3.5m)
EPS: 33.1p (21.6p)
Div: 4.87p, mkg 7.5p

PORTER CHADBURN (Fin)

Pre-tax: £5.6m (£5.3m)
EPS: 5.2p (5.7p)
Div: 1.65p, mkg 2.5p

DANKA SYSTEMS (Fin)

Pre-tax: £11.7m (£9.4m)
EPS: 29.3p (23.1p)
Div: 2.5p, mkg 3.75p

TAMS (JOHN) (Fin)

Pre-tax: £1.64m (£2.88m)
EPS: 4.92p (8.34p)
Div: 2.41p, mkg 4p (4p)

BALL (AH) (Fin)

Pre-tax: £960,000
EPS: 10.19p (8.04p)
Div: 4.8p, mkg 7p

NEOTRONICS (Int)

Pre-tax: £1.14m (£1.5m)
EPS: 2.77p (4.05p)
Div: 0.85p (0.8p)

COMAC GROUP (Fin)

Pre-tax: £362,424
EPS: 4.05p (loss 0.75p)
Div: Nil

Gains mainly due to fall in bank interest to £130,000 (£907,000). Total dividend is 22% up on previous year's total.

Last year's results are restated. Last year's total dividend was 2.4p. Turnover was £132.4m (£111.7m).

Company is now the second-largest independent distributor of office equipment in America.

Board reports "excellent and exciting prospects" for the bone china operation.

Last year's profits were £825,000. Total dividend last time was 6.75p. Cash in the bank is £1.8 million.

Board is confident of growth as important markets come out of recession. Some evidence of upturn in UK.

Return to profit after loss of £34,853 last time. Balance sheet is strong and acquisitions are planned.

Hard work pays off at Racal

Anyone determined to find fault with Racal's full year figures might have focused on the £54 million of extraordinary costs taken below the line. Instead, analysts and investors concentrated on more positive aspects of the results and enthusiastically chased Racal shares up by 7.5 per cent. Racal escaped against the odds from a hostile takeover attempt from the conglomerate Williams Holdings last November, largely on the strength of forecasts of £100 million operating profits and pre-tax income of £50 million. Neither target looked easy for a group which made substantial losses in the previous year, if profits of the demerged Vodafone were stripped out, but Racal managed to beat its targets in style, pre-tax profits stretching to £55.6 million and operating profits topping £103 million.

An eyebrow or two was raised by the inclusion of £19.1 million of losses and provisions for disposals and closures below the line, given that the Accounting Standards Board is attempting to limit severely the use of extraordinary items. The ASB has said, however, that it does not want a new accounting standard to be anticipated and, in any case, other smaller companies, such as Electromechanics which also reported yesterday, are making bigger below the line charges.

There was nothing magic in the way Racal met its targets. None of its businesses has seen much in the way of growth. The uniformly positive divisional results were won through hard work and good housekeeping; working capital has been squeezed, costs cut and operations rationalised. This spring cleaning will work to Racal's advantage. A further strong profit recovery does not depend on volume gains or hopes of an end to recession. This year the group should make well over £100 million pre-tax, thanks mainly to more good housekeeping, much lower above the line exceptional charges, loss elimination and the benefits of the lower cost base achieved last year. County NatWest's Patrick Wellington is looking for £115 million before tax giving earnings of 5.1p per share and a handsome 70 per cent dividend rise to 1.7p per share.

The demerger of the Chubb security interests seems on track and should keep the shares firm through the summer. Having returned to basics after recent distractions, management can expect the shares, which trade at little more than an average market rating, to be rewarded with something better.

Water into waste

Northumbrian Water is one of the smaller privatised groups but its long-term strategic problem is typical. There is little growth in demand in its region and after the 1994 price review trims returns and transfers efficiency gains to customers, it will not be able to maintain 5 per cent real dividend increases from its utility operations. Diversification is not an easy way to reduce dependency on the core business for a company with limited funds. Building non-core turnover is one thing. Developing significant profits is harder. Much of its water charges are to pay for capital spending rather than running costs, so margins there are high.

Northumbrian has separated functions such as laboratories and bought a varied clutch of small related businesses, which it aims to weld into a waste and land reclamation division. Sales to third parties are, however, still running at only about £26 million, against utility income of £173 million, and profits will not be significant by 1995, when takeover protection is over. The shares now yield less than 6 per cent in dividend but sell at only 5.5 times earnings, so Northumbrian would be cheap earnings unless it can tell a convincing story to boost its rating.

The way L. John Clark is turning round a conglomerate that had lost its way is a lesson in corporate get-fit, reports William Kay

On Monday, the investment community will hear the latest bulletin on one of the corporate intensive care ward's more unnecessary patients: BET, the support services company which embraces Initial towel rental, Shorrock security, scaffolding, crane hire, employment agencies, Boulton & Paul windows and much else. Too many of these businesses were acquired too quickly for too much debt. Throw in a recession and you have the perfect recipe for indigestion.

BET was founded early this century by a German businessman, Emil Gercke, as British Electric Traction and became a big bus operator. Gercke recruited as a teenage assistant John Spencer Wills, who married Gercke's daughter and became managing director of BET in 1946.

Faced with the threat of nationalisation by the postwar Labour government, Mr Wills arranged to buy Rediffusion, a cable broadcasting company in the UK and overseas. That marked the start of BET's philosophy of diversification, into anything from publishing to aircraft training simulators. With Associated Newspapers, Rediffusion won the original commercial television franchise for London weekday programmes. It sold its interest in Thames Television, the successor company, shortly before the franchise was lost.

By the time Sir John, as he became, retired as chairman in 1978, BET had lost momentum and become an illiquid and stagnant conglomerate. His son Nicholas, who became managing director in 1982, started to sort this out by concentrating on the group's business services businesses, expanding them by acquisition and selling everything else.

The strategy was successful and much applauded in an age of contracting out, but went badly wrong at the start of the recession. BET bought expensively before selling to raise the money and when the market for such businesses as double glazing turned sour, the company was left with unmanageable debts, few tangible assets, negative cash flow and a crisis of confidence. Biffa, a core investment in waste services, had to be sold to raise cash.

Institutional pressure brought calls for change. And it came in the tall and bulky shape of L. John Clark, a Florida-born management school graduate who cut his teeth at Singer, the sewing-machine company. It was at Singer some ten years ago that Mr Clark, now 50, first demonstrated his ability as a ruthless corporate surgeon. Based in London, within three years he turned round Singer's Europe, Africa and Middle East division from a \$33 million annual



Driving and driven: Clark made clear as soon as he arrived last April that he intended to lead the company from the front

loss to profits of \$27 million a year. He repeated the feat at Core-Mark International, an American consumer products group.

These credentials made him a headhunter's dream for the chief executive's job at BET, where he landed in April last year. As he walked through the door, he said: "I would be less than honest if I did not say that leadership from the front is one of my characteristics. I believe very strongly that one sets a management style by example."

Mr Clark's style has been 14-hour days, installing management controls and relentlessly hammering at costs. He has instituted US-style aphorisms such as "There are no staff here — all employees are operators and customer representatives", and "I not only do not believe in, I will not allow, politics".

He came across some quaint local customs. As he confided to a business gathering in Atlanta, Georgia, recently: "When I attended my first BET board meeting, I found that the hunch afterwards lasted longer than the meeting itself. But I guess that is just the way things work in England. Maybe my colleagues will have less of a midday appetite when they see the work schedules I have set out for them for the next year."

After 14 months in the job, Mr Clark pronounced himself satisfied with progress so far. "I have laid down a three-phase programme to restructure BET," he explained. "The first phase is organisation cost reduction and is all about attacking overhead expenses and flattening the organisation to ensure quicker verti-

cal communication and decision-making. The second phase is called total productivity. Processes are created that set the standards by which the business is judged and allow annual reviews to measure performance. Zero-based budgeting techniques are a key part of this phase and there is a detailed look at how marketing, selling, administering and delivering what is promised to customers, happens. It's about organic growth, and historically BET has not been known for that."

The third phase is called customer focus and is the natural result of successful implementation of the first two phases. By then, the company should be a focused, entrepreneurial but integrated organisation, which is a quality and cost leader in each of the areas of its operations."

Such edicts give the flavour of the man: determined, logical, driven, jealous of time and carrying an attitude that people are either for him or against him. Managers are induced to bare their souls at so-called "prayer meetings" lasting two to four hours, at which problems are thrashed out and solutions agreed. And the solution had better be working by the next prayer meeting.

The annual results announced on Monday will be hedged around with the write-offs normally associated with an incoming chief executive, particularly as BET will be one of the first big companies to report under more stringent accounting rules relating to acquisition goodwill. Nicholas Wills, who had moved up to become

chairman, finally departed at the end of March.

At the interim stage, Mr Clark took a £90 million provision to sell unwanted businesses over the next two years. "More importantly," he said, "we put into the culture of the company the fact that the control of capital expenditure and working capital were part of the everyday part of being BET. If properly managed, business services have the capacity to earn fine returns and be cash generative, and I believe that if you have cash in the nineties, you can do anything you want to do."

Numbers apart, Mr Clark will be able to report that the patient is recovering. Phase one is complete, and last year's £425 million debt has been substantially reduced. Head office staff has been cut from 300 to 60. A management system is in place, so Mr Clark knows what is going on, and the arrival of a new finance director, Robert Mackenzie, in December heralded the installation of a thorough financial control system. He is being followed by new heads of human resources, planning development and marketing.

Mr Clark has divided the business into 110 profit centres, grouped into six lines of business: textile rental, cleaning, security, plant hire, distribution, personnel and a development division that handles catering, joinery products and a facilities management service. Total productivity year has just started at BET, and 1993-4 will be devoted to customer focus. Mr Clark's object is to turn BET from a holding company into a fast-growing operating company, based on con-

tracting out people and equipment to perform services. Last year Mr Clark drew up a list of activities that he decided had the potential to grow.

Acquisitions have been confined to crack-fillers that will help existing operations. Although BET went into contract catering a year ago, Mr Clark was not tempted to join the recent auction for Gardner-Merchant, Forte's contract catering business. That was deemed too big. Nevertheless, BET claims to be Britain's biggest schools caterer, recently winning the contract for Kent Education Authority. It has similar commissions for Gloucestershire and Berkshire. The Conservative election victory was a blessing in promoting the contracting-out cause.

"We're looking at opportunities to take over large parts of activities in corporations that might want to get out of particular businesses like cleaning or catering," said Mr Clark. He wants to expand BET internationally. At present, its business is split 60:20:20 between the UK, continental Europe and America. By the turn of the century that could become 25:25:25, with east Asia as the fourth leg.

That will involve acquisitions. But this time, there will be a tight grip on the purse strings. If Mr Clark were to fall under a denationalised bus tomorrow, he would have left a lasting legacy. Apart from anything else, board meetings last considerably longer than they used to and boardroom lunches are considerably shorter.

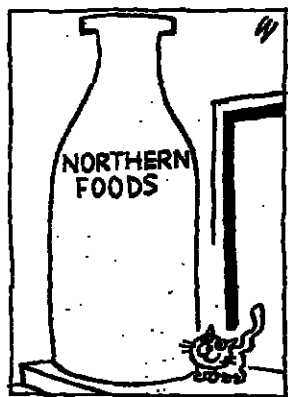
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Frost over Slater

DESPITE the strained and far from discreet efforts of numerous cave-diggers, the only discernible topic of conversation from an animated but amicable discussion between Jim Slater, former head of one-time investment group Slater Walker Securities, and media impresario David Frost was, of all things, United Artists. The unlikely duo were spotted in deep conversation, beneath haloes of cigar smoke, at Christopher's restaurant in Covent Garden yesterday afternoon. According to sources seated at adjacent tables, it was Slater who appeared to be imparting all the information while Frost took copious notes throughout the meal, simultaneously smoking two large cigars, impervious to the withering looks from fellow patrons. Wine was consumed only in moderation — insufficient to account for Frost's growing excitement — and both men left the restaurant together without either apparently paying the bill. Subsequent enquiries by *The Times*, however, reveal that the bill had been added to Frost's account.

Plane sailing

COUNTY NatWest's number one rated transport team is offering two bottles of champagne to the first six callers who can identify "relatively exactly" the five aircraft silhouettes on the cover of its new tome on the GPA notation. Airline analyst Mark Coombs is giving away no clues except to say that all five are modern



planes currently in operation. Correct answers to Coombs or saleswoman Jane de la Rosa.

Hambros history

THE item in yesterday's *City Diary* about Hambros, the merchant bank, flying the Danish flag outside its Tower Hill offices last Friday — to mark Danish Constitution Day and not as a sign of the Euro-affiliations of its senior executives — has caused a number of amateur City historians to telephone to explain the significance of Denmark to Hambros. "The Hambros family was originally called Levy and they came from a Danish town called Hambro," says one well-informed source. "The name was changed before they moved to England."

ANOTHER City definition of an economist: someone who takes something that works in practice and wonders whether it will work in theory.

Heli headache

DID the Office of Fair Trading declare an interest before

recommending that the two rival bids for British International Helicopters, part of the collapsed Maxwell Communication Corp (MCC) be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission? Its office in Bream Buildings, Holborn, overlooks the helicopter pad on top of nearby Maxwell House — one of only three such pads in central London — and, according to neighbours, has long been a source of incessant and intense aggravation.

Salomon tragedy

THE trading desk at Salomon Brothers has been in mourning this week following the sudden death of one of its young market makers at the weekend. Paul Wynne, aged 26, described by colleagues as extremely popular and very able, was found dead at his flat in Hinchin, Hertfordshire on Sunday after he failed to arrive for a golf tournament. He lived alone. "He started his City career in the settlement department at Wood Mackenzie, moved over to Salomon and we then put him on the front line, making markets," says his erstwhile boss, Ian Stephenson, now with Smith New Court. "He had fair hair and initiative — he was one of those people who had pulled himself up by his boot straps." Although a post mortem has not yet been carried out, Wynne is believed to have died after suffering a severe asthma attack. His funeral is expected to be held in his native Edinburgh, where his parents still live.

CAROL LEONARD

Unfair share views not Wellcome

From Mr G. Maddrell
Sir, We were concerned to read your piece "Wellcome offer puts price first" (June 5). In particular, we regret the comments attributed to Mr Banks of Robert Fleming. Wellcome's approach to wider share ownership is well-known. Its leading-edge commitment to employee share ownership on a worldwide scale is second to none. We cannot, therefore, believe that the comments attributed to Mr Banks reflect the views of Wellcome itself. The clear impression is that the chance of participation in a highly successful company, whose share price performance has been outstanding, is to be made difficult for the private

investor. That is hardly the way to encourage private investors. Wellcome has demonstrated its commitment. If we are to achieve widespread personal share ownership, at sensible and economic levels, companies' advisers, no less than the companies themselves, must also commit to it. If the comments have been accurately reported, they are to be deeply regretted. If they have been inaccurately conveyed, we hope that the advisers will take steps to put the record straight. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY MADDRELL, Chief Executive, ProShare (UK) Ltd, 13 & 14 Basinghall Street, EC2

Morland's plight

From Ms V.H. Valentine
Sir, Unlike institutions and individuals with large portfolios, small investors like myself take a genuine interest in "their" company. To see it fall prey to an unwelcome bidder truly hurts. With the government encouraging small investors, I responded by purchasing shares in a small, promising brewery — Morland, now the subject of a hostile bid from Greene King. My decision to reject Greene King's offer will not, I believe, cause Simon Redman, chairman of Greene King, undue personal distress. That is a feeling reserved for those in sympathy with the plight facing the committed and successful managers of the country's second-oldest independent brewery.

They are the team who, in under six years, shook Morland out of the eighteenth century and set it firmly on course for the twenty-first. Profits have not soared; rather they have improved steadily. And they've done so without the disastrous levels of gearing that have undermined so many companies spurred by selfish greed rather than by responsible management. Gone will be a centuries-old brewery. Gone will be a range of superior traditional beers. And gone will be yet another chunk of treasured British heritage, the victim of greed and short-termism, the true "British disease."

Why depart from the present expenditure tax?

From Mr P.M. Greenwood
Sir, I am glad to see from the last sentence of Philip Chappell's letter (Business Letters, June 2) that he has at last been converted over the long term to preserving the present United Kingdom pensions taxation system.

His last sentence says: "Another decade or so and we can move from ex-PEPs to the true goal of an expenditure tax alone."

A prime advantage of the present UK pensions taxation system is the way in which it models an expenditure tax — tax relief on contributions, freedom from tax on investment returns and tax when annual benefits are paid, that is, when expenditure is likely to be incurred.

Philip Chappell, for several years, has advocated a move to a system whereby pension contributions and investment income are taxed and benefits are tax free. This is the reverse of an expenditure tax.

Philip Chappell is now aiming to have the equivalent of the existing pension tax system in place in a "decade or so". In this case, why change away from it now?

Yours sincerely, PAUL GREENWOOD, William M. Mercer Fraser, 44/45 West Street, Chichester, West Sussex.

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This offer notice has been issued in compliance with the requirements of the London Stock Exchange. Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange and the Committee of the Irish Stock Exchange for the whole of the Ordinary Share capital of GPA Group plc ("the Company"), issued and now being issued as part of the Combined Offering referred to below, to be admitted to the Official Lists in London and in Dublin.

This document does not contain any information about the Company. It should therefore be read in conjunction with the full U.K. and Ireland Prospectus dated June 9, 1992 which alone contains details of the history and business of the Company and listing particulars relating to the Company (the "Listing Particulars"). In applying for Ordinary Shares in the Company, you will be treated as applying on the basis of the information contained in the Listing Particulars and on the terms and conditions of application set out therein. Copies of the Listing Particulars have been delivered to the Registrars of Companies in Ireland and in England and Wales and are available as set out below.

Save where the context otherwise requires, expressions defined in the Listing Particulars shall have the same meanings when used herein.

GPA Group plc

(Incorporated in Ireland with limited liability under the Companies Act, 1963 with Registered No. 51950)

Public Offer by Schroders

In the Combined Offering being made in the U.K. and Ireland and elsewhere, up to 85,000,000 Ordinary Shares of \$1 each (subject to increase) are being offered

The U.K. and Ireland Offer Price per Ordinary Share is expected to be between
\$10.00 and \$12.50
or the sterling equivalent
£5.45 and £6.80

June 11, 1992

A public application form in respect of the U.K. and Ireland Offer is attached together with a guide on how to complete it. Completed application forms and payment must be received in accordance with the instructions set out below and in any event not later than 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 1992.

In connection with the Combined Offering, Nomura International plc as Global Co-ordinator may over-allot or effect transactions which stabilise or maintain the market price of the Ordinary Shares, the American Depositary Shares representing Ordinary Shares which are the subject of the Combined Offering and/or any other securities of (or options, warrants or rights with respect to, or interests in, the shares or other securities of) the Company at a level which might not otherwise prevail in the open market. Such transactions may be effected on the London Stock Exchange or the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise outside Ireland. Such stabilising, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Following the Combined Offering the authorised Ordinary Share capital of the Company will be 450,000,000 Ordinary Shares of \$1 each, of which 286,295,263 are expected to be issued and fully paid.

The U.K. and Ireland Offer

Under the Combined Offering, the Company and the Selling Shareholders are offering for subscription or sale in the U.K. and Ireland, the U.S., Japan and elsewhere up to 85,000,000 Ordinary Shares representing up to 29.7% of the enlarged issued Ordinary Share capital of the Company (subject to increase).

Although each of the offerings forming part of the Combined Offering is being made separately, the offers are inter-related, particularly as to matters of timing, size and price, and are being co-ordinated by the Global Co-ordinator.

If you wish to apply for Ordinary Shares in the U.K. and Ireland Offer, you must complete and return the attached public application form in accordance with the accompanying guide. You may pay for Ordinary Shares in the U.K. and Ireland Offer in either sterling or dollars.

The U.K. and Ireland Offer is being made by way of a public open price offer in the U.K. and Ireland. Applicants in the U.K. and Ireland Offer are being invited to specify the maximum price in sterling or dollars at which they are willing to acquire Ordinary Shares, which price must be within the range of prices set out above. Applicants in the U.K. and Ireland Offer who do not specify a maximum price will be taken to have applied for Ordinary Shares at the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price in the currency of the cheque or bankers' draft sent with the relevant application.

Ordinary Shares will be sold in the U.K. and Ireland Offer at the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price. The U.K. and Ireland Offer Price in both sterling and dollars and the basis of allocation of the Ordinary Shares is expected to be announced at 12.30 p.m. on June 18, 1992. The U.K. and Ireland Offer Price, when determined, may be less than \$10.00 or £5.45 per Ordinary Share but will not be more than \$12.50 or £6.80 per Ordinary Share.

Applications which specify a price lower than the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price will be rejected. If your application is successful, in whole or in part, a Letter of Allotment for the Ordinary Shares allocated to you is expected to be despatched to you on June 25, 1992. If there is heavy demand for the Ordinary Shares, you may receive fewer Ordinary Shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all. If your application is not accepted, your cheque or bankers' draft will be returned. If your application is accepted in part, or the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price is less than the price at which you apply, you will receive a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application, without interest on that balance. Your refund cheque will be in the currency in which you applied i.e. dollars or sterling as appropriate.

It is expected that admission to the Official Lists in London and Dublin will become effective and that unconditional dealings in the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange and the Irish Stock Exchange will begin on June 25, 1992. It is expected that dealings will begin on June 18, 1992 conditionally upon closing of the Combined Offering which is expected to take place on June 25, 1992. Persons dealing in the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange or the Irish Stock Exchange before June 25, 1992 should recognise that such dealings will be of no effect if the closing of the Combined Offering does not take place.

Sponsors	U.K. Brokers	Irish Brokers	Global Co-ordinator
J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited 120 Cheapside London EC2V 6DS	Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities Limited Ebbgate House 2 Swan Lane London EC4R 3TS	Davy Stockbrokers Davy House 49 Dawson Street Dublin 2	Nomura International plc Nomura House 1 St Martin's-le-Grand London EC1A 4NP

Application from outside the U.K. and Ireland

If you receive a copy of this offer notice and application form in any territory other than the U.K. or Ireland it does not constitute an invitation or offer to you, nor should you in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to you without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is your responsibility if you are outside the U.K. or Ireland and/or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction and if you receive a copy of this offer notice and application form and wish to make an application, to satisfy yourself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents and compliance with other necessary formalities, and to pay any transfer or other taxes or duties required to be paid in such territory in respect of the Ordinary Shares acquired by you under the Combined Offering.

No application may be made, or will be accepted, from or on behalf of any person in or who is a resident of the Isle of Man. No application may be made on any application form by or on behalf of any person in the U.S. or Canada. If the Company or Schroders has reasonable cause to believe that you are, or are acting on behalf of, a person in the U.S. or Canada, any application which you make may be rejected.

Availability of listing particulars

Copies of the Listing Particulars will be available in the Companies Fiche Service maintained by Eutel Financial Limited, 37-45 Paul Street, London EC2A 4PB. Copies of the Listing Particulars will be available for collection during business hours up to and including June 15, 1992 from the Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, Capel Court Entrance, Bartholomew Lane, London EC2 and The Stock Exchange, 28 Angelsea Street, Dublin 2.

Copies of the Listing Particulars will be available for collection from the registered office of the Company (GPA House, Shannon, Ireland) and from the offices of Schroders, Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities, Davy Stockbrokers and the Global Co-ordinator as set out above up to and including June 25, 1992. In addition, copies of the Listing Particulars will be available in the U.K. from:

ABERDEEN	Lloyds Bank Plc 4 Union Terrace Aberdeen AB1 1NU	GLASGOW	Lloyds Bank Plc 12 Bothwell Street Glasgow G2 6NY	LONDON	Lloyds Bank Plc Registrar's Department Issue Section 2nd Floor, Bole House 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6EE
BELFAST	Bank of Ireland 54 Donegall Place Belfast BT1 5BX	GUERNSEY	Lloyds Bank Plc St Peter Port Guernsey CI	MANCHESTER	Lloyds Bank Plc 53 King Street Manchester M60 2ES
BIRMINGHAM	Lloyds Bank Plc 125 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 3AD	JERSEY	Lloyds Bank Plc 9 Broad Street St Helier Jersey CI	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Lloyds Bank Plc 102 Grey Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1SL
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CARDIFF	Lloyds Bank Plc 27 High Street Cardiff CF1 1QZ	LONDON	Lloyds Bank Plc 111 Old Broad Street London EC2N 1AU	PLYMOUTH	Lloyds Bank Plc 8 Royal Parade Plymouth PL1 1HB
EDINBURGH	Lloyds Bank Plc 113/115 George Street Edinburgh EH2 4TF	LONDON	Lloyds Bank Plc 8/10 Waterloo Place London SW1V 4BE	SOUTHAMPTON	Lloyds Bank Plc 19/21 High Street Southampton SO9 7AN
EXETER	Lloyds Bank Plc 234 High Street Exeter EX4 3NL				

Guide to completing the public application form

1. Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Applications may not be made by anyone aged under the age of majority (18 in the U.K. and Ireland) but you may apply as a parent, grandparent or guardian of a person under 18 for the benefit of that person. To do this, you should write your own name and address in Box 1 and put the initials of the person on whose behalf you are applying in the designation box. If you make an application for a child in this way, you may also apply separately for your own benefit.

If you are applying for your own benefit, please leave the designation box blank.

If you are applying on behalf of a partnership, firm, trust, association, club or other unincorporated organisation, write your name in Box 1, put the initials of the organisation in the designation box and write the name of the organisation in the first line of the address.

If a corporation is applying, the full name of the corporation should be entered in Box 1.

2. Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of Ordinary Shares for which you wish to apply

Public applications must be for a minimum of 200 Ordinary Shares. Above 200 Ordinary Shares, applications must be in the following multiples:

Applications for	In multiples of
200 to 1,000 Ordinary Shares	100 Ordinary Shares
1,000 to 5,000 Ordinary Shares	500 Ordinary Shares
5,000 to 10,000 Ordinary Shares	1,000 Ordinary Shares
over 10,000 Ordinary Shares	5,000 Ordinary Shares

3. Put in Box 3 (in figures) the amount per Ordinary Share you wish to pay in dollars or sterling.

Applications may be made either in dollars or sterling.

Applications must be made either at the minimum price of \$10.00 per Ordinary Share or £5.45 per Ordinary Share or at any higher price which is a whole multiple of 10 cents or 5 pence up to \$12.50 per Ordinary Share or £6.80 per Ordinary Share. You may leave Box 3 blank in which case you are deemed to have made an application in the currency in which your cheque or bankers' draft is drawn for the number of Ordinary Shares indicated in Box 2 at the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price when determined.

You may make more than one application for Ordinary Shares. However, each application you make must have a different price per Ordinary Share entered in Box 3 and must be made on a separate application form. Regardless of the number of applications you make, you may only make one application in which you leave Box 3 blank as described above. A separate cheque or bankers' draft must accompany each application form.

Applicants making more than one application should be aware that each separate application may be treated as valid. Consequently, separate allocations may be made in respect of each valid application at a price at or above the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price.

4. Put in Box 4 (in figures) the amount of your cheque or bankers' draft in dollars or sterling. The amount of your cheque or bankers' draft should be the price you have inserted in Box 3 multiplied by the number of Ordinary Shares inserted in Box 2. If you have left Box 3 blank the amount of your cheque or bankers' draft should be the maximum price of \$12.50 per Ordinary Share or £6.80 per Ordinary Share multiplied by the number of Ordinary Shares inserted in Box 2.

For example at the maximum price per Ordinary Share of \$12.50 or £6.80:

200 Shares would cost	\$2,500.00 or £1,360.00
300 Shares would cost	\$3,750.00 or £2,040.00
500 Shares would cost	\$6,250.00 or £3,400.00
1,000 Shares would cost	\$12,500.00 or £6,800.00

5. Sign and date the form in Box 5. If you are applying for the benefit of someone under the age of majority (18 in the U.K. and Ireland) you, rather than that person, must sign the application form. The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf who is duly authorised to do so. In this case, the original of the relevant power of attorney (or a copy certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed. Applications made by corporations, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of other persons, must be signed by a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

6. Attach your cheque or bankers' draft to Box 6 with a pin. It should be for the exact amount you have put in Box 4 and in the same currency. No receipt will be issued.

If you apply in sterling, you may pay for the Ordinary Shares in sterling by personal cheque drawn on your bank or building society account. Alternatively, you may use a cheque or bankers' draft in sterling from your bank or building society (or personal cheque drawn by someone else) but then you must write your full name and address on the back.

If you apply in sterling, your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling and bear a U.K. bank sort code number in the top right hand corner and must be made payable to "Lloyds Bank Plc A/C GPA Group plc Offer" and crossed "Not Negotiable". Any monies returned for sterling applications will be sent by sterling cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only" payable to the person named in Box 1.

If you apply in dollars your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in dollars and must be made payable to "Lloyds Bank Plc A/C GPA Group plc Offer". Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn on a branch of a bank in London, which is a participant in the London U.S. Dollar Clearing System. You should seek your bank's advice as to whether it is a participating bank. Applications accompanied by a cheque or bankers' draft drawn on a non-participating bank will be rejected.

Any monies returned for dollar applications will be by dollar cheque drawn on a bank in London. You should be aware that collection of these cheques by your bank may attract substantial charges levied both by themselves and the paying bank.

7. You may apply to hold the Ordinary Shares which you enter in Box 2 jointly with up to three other persons aged 18 or over. As joint applicants they should complete and sign in Box 7. Before signing, they should read carefully the declaration in Box 5. The form may be signed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the joint applicant(s), as described in Note 5. Photocopies of Application Forms will be accepted.

8. Cut out the application form as shown and return it together with the cheque or bankers' draft.

Send your completed application form or deliver it by hand to arrive not later than 6.00 p.m. on June 16, 1992 to either:			
LONDON	Lloyds Bank Plc Registrar's Department Issue Section P.O. Box 1000 Bole House 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6EE	DUBLIN	Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. Registrar's & New Issue Department Bankcentre P.O. Box 954 Ballsbridge Dublin 4
If sending by post you should allow plenty of time for delivery			

Deliver your completed application form by hand to arrive not later than 10.30 a.m. on June 16, 1992 to:			
BELFAST	Bank of Ireland 54 Donegall Place Belfast BT1 5BX	EDINBURGH	Lloyds Bank Plc 113/115 George Street Edinburgh EH2 4TF
BIRMINGHAM	Lloyds Bank Plc 125 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 3AD	MANCHESTER	Lloyds Bank Plc 53 King Street Manchester M60 2ES
CARDIFF	Lloyds Bank Plc 27 High Street Cardiff CF1 1QZ	SHANNON	Allied Irish Banks p.l.c. Shannon Town Centre Shannon
CORK	Allied Irish Banks p.l.c. 66 South Mall Cork		

Cut along dotted line

GPA Group plc PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Before completing this form, please read carefully the accompanying guide

1. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

Title	Forename(s) in full	
Surname	Designation (if any): A/C	
Address		
Postcode		

2. I/We offer to purchase*
Ordinary Shares (or such smaller number of Ordinary Shares for which this application is accepted)

3. At a price per Ordinary Share of £/\$*
(or any lower price for which this application is accepted)

4. I/We attach a cheque/bankers' draft for a total amount payable of £/\$*

5. I make this application for Ordinary Shares in the U.K. and Ireland Offer on and subject to the terms and conditions of application set out in the Listing Particulars dated June 9, 1992.

Signature	Dated	1992
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6. Attach your cheque/bankers' draft here with a pin. It should be for the exact amount in Box 4, payable to "Lloyds Bank Plc A/C GPA Group plc Offer" and crossed "Not Negotiable". Attach one cheque/bankers' draft only.

JOINT APPLICATIONS

The first applicant should fill in the boxes above. Other persons, applying to hold the Ordinary Shares jointly with the first applicant, should insert their names in BLOCK CAPITALS and sign in the box below.

I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out in Box 5.*

Title	Forename(s) in full	Surname	Signature

Stamp of Financial Intermediary claiming commission	
	*Delete as applicable
SIB No.	
Acceptance No.	Shares accepted
Commission calculated	

Nintendo's game-boy plays a home run at last

CORPORATE Japan's shopping spree in America is not over yet. Having spent billions of dollars on prime real estate and the most famous names in Hollywood during the 1980s amid howls of indignation from some Americans, the Japanese are turning to entertain themselves with the lighter side of America and their target is sport.

Under an agreement made on Tuesday by the American major league baseball owners' committee and due to be approved yesterday by the 26 major league teams, the Seattle Mariners baseball team was sold to Nintendo, a Japanese video-game maker. If the deal is accepted, the Seattle Mariners will be the first American baseball team to be owned by the Japanese.

Under Hiroshi Yamauchi, its president, a man said to have entertained a strong affection for a New York Yankees baseball cap ever since he grew into long trousers, Nintendo will pay \$75 million for a 50 per cent stake in the Seattle Mariners but will have only a limited role in operating the team.

Mr Yamauchi first offered to buy the financially troubled team in January for \$125 million, but the offer sparked an uproar and accu-

Joanna Pitman
reports on the
latest Japanese
craze — buying
US sports teams

sations from some Americans, who claimed that Japan was deliberately targeting the nation's favourite pastime and trying to buy its heart and soul. No alternative buyer has emerged, and when Mr Yamauchi made alterations to his proposal, his boyhood dream began to come true.

But angry mutterings from baseball fans have not been muffled. The Yankee stadium in New York has been known to serve sushi and Sapporo beer as a trendy alternative to the more orthodox burger and Budweiser, and the recent purchase of a minor league team by a Japanese company set tongues wagging.

The question remains whether the fun-loving Mr Yamauchi's venture will be economically viable for a company specialising in computer and video games. Examples are legion of Japanese companies that bought

American assets at the height of the market and have burned their fingers.

Just 18 months after he bought the Pebble Beach golf resort in California for \$841 million, triggering a wave of anti-Japan rhetoric, Minoru Tsutsumi, a Japanese golf tycoon, was forced to sell it at a 40 per cent loss this February. The "I-told-you-so" reaction in America sent chills down the spines of executives at other Japanese companies that diversified into ill-timed real estate and other investments in the late 1980s.

The expenditure has been exorbitant. In 1986, Daiichi Real Estate paid \$94 million for the Tiffany building in New York and has been trying to sell it since. In 1990, Mitsubishi Real Estate paid \$946 million for a controlling stake in the Rockefeller Centre, also in New York, and in 1989, Sony snapped up Columbia Pictures for \$3.5 billion. In 1990, Matsushita bought MCA Communications for \$6.1 billion.

Faced with falling domestic profits and recession in international markets, Japan's new breed of movie moguls are now wondering if they should have left Hollywood to the Americans.



Field of dreams: Hiroshi Yamauchi now owns half of the Mariners' action

Growing Atlantic fare war sends BA shares down

FROM REUTERS IN CHICAGO

BRITISH Airways shares fell 8p to 269p yesterday on fears of further fare wars over the Atlantic. The battle-weary industry had little choice but to cut trans-Atlantic ticket prices on Tuesday, after Delta Air Lines brought the airfare wars to the European front.

Trying to boost demand for high-priced seats, Delta cut fares late on Monday on its so-called premium or most expensive tickets.

United Airlines matched the Delta cuts, but did so grudgingly. American Airlines also went along, as did Continental Airlines, which matched most of the new fares.

"We're puzzled and totally perplexed by Delta's move because advance bookings to Europe have been very strong," Joe Hopkins, a spokesman for United, said.

Analysts said European traffic has been healthy, but more for leisure than business travellers. Trans-Atlantic discounts, initiated by American Airlines, have been available on leisure fares since March.

Delta announced the first reductions of up to 45 per cent

in the price of business, first-class and full-coach fares to 36 European destinations. It left its cheapest advance-purchase fares unchanged.

For example, the round-trip coach fare to Rome from New York dropped to \$1,500 from \$2,616. First-class dropped to \$4,400 from \$5,774.

Delta's tickets are for travel starting by September 30 and completed by October 14. They require round-trip travel and a maximum 14-day stay.

Delta's move stepped up a fight that began in April, when American reduced business fares and created a simplified ticket structure.

Northwest fired back by offering two leisure tickets for the price of one. American then halved its lowest fare.

The fare war came as losses in the industry mounted under the impact of recession, slow traffic and competition.

Delta is hoping to boost premium passenger traffic on the routes it bought from the now-defunct Pan Am. The acquisition made Delta the largest American airline serving Europe.

Peltz and May set to buy Galerías

FROM REUTERS IN MADRID

TWO former directors of Mountleigh Group plc, the crashed UK property group, are the most likely candidates to buy Galerías Preciados SA, Mountleigh's loss-making Spanish retail subsidiary, a Galerías spokesman said.

"Everything points to Nelson Peltz and Peter May," he said. The two American entrepreneurs bought a 22 per cent stake in Mountleigh in November 1989, but last year sold half their holding to the Gordon Getty Trust. "I don't think there have been any other offers. We hope there will be agreement very soon," the spokesman said.

He reported that negotiations, began after Mountleigh went into receivership on May 25 owing £500 million, were still going on. Galerías has said that any bid would be for all 29 stores.

Galerías posted a 343 million pesetas (£1.87 million)

loss for the half year of April-October 1991, but is spending 20.23 billion pesetas on a five-year revamp plan, launched in November 1990.

Galerías said sales rose more than 30 per cent in the first two years after Mountleigh took over in 1987 from Gustavo Cisneros, a Venezuelan businessman.



Peltz likely buyer

Nestlé buys 1.5m Suez shares

FROM REUTERS IN LAUSANNE

NESTLÉ, the Swiss food concern, said it was in the process of buying more than 1.5 million shares in Cie de Suez, the financial conglomerate, from Exor, the French holding company.

A Nestlé spokesman said the deal had not yet gone through but added: "It is in progress and it will happen." A Suez official said that Exor had sold the shares at 320 French francs each, completing the disposal of its former 2.3 per cent stake.

Exor had already sold part of its stake to Credit Agricole, the French farm bank. Exor is controlled by IFINT SA, a Luxembourg-based investment company that is owned by Italy's Agnelli family.

After the fight between the Agnelli and Nestlé over Suez Perrier SA, the French mineral water group, was settled in March, Cie de Suez, which backed Nestlé in the battle, said it expected its three partners to help in the expected sale of Exor's stake in Suez. The three partners are Nestlé, BSN and Credit Agricole.

UPI bid thrown in doubt

FROM REUTERS IN WASHINGTON

PAT Robertson, a television evangelist who was the winning bidder for United Press International at a bankruptcy auction last month, said he only wanted to buy UPI's name and one or two of its assets, rather than rescue the whole news agency.

He told a news conference yesterday that his lawyers would submit a modified offer for the agency in the Federal Bankruptcy Court in New York.

It was not immediately clear which assets Mr Robertson wanted to keep or whether they included the news wire service that is the traditional core of the agency, which was founded 84 years ago.

Pieter VanBennekom, a UPI executive, said that the agency now considered itself free to look elsewhere for a buyer in its struggle to stay alive. The company, he said, "must consider all of its options."

UPI has run in the red for more than 20 years and has twice declared bankruptcy to shelter itself from creditors.

Acquisitions boost Mansfield Brewery

By MARTIN WALLER

A HEFTY and continuing public house acquisition programme at Mansfield Brewery, the Yorkshire and East Midlands brewer, raised pre-tax profits to £11 million in the year to end March, up from £8.04 million in the previous year.

This was despite a recession-led 4.4 per cent fall in sales to Mansfield's tied estate and a marginal reduction in free trade volumes. Overall, Mansfield's total draught beer sales were ahead by 2.6 per cent in a regional market that is estimated to have fallen by 4.6 per cent.

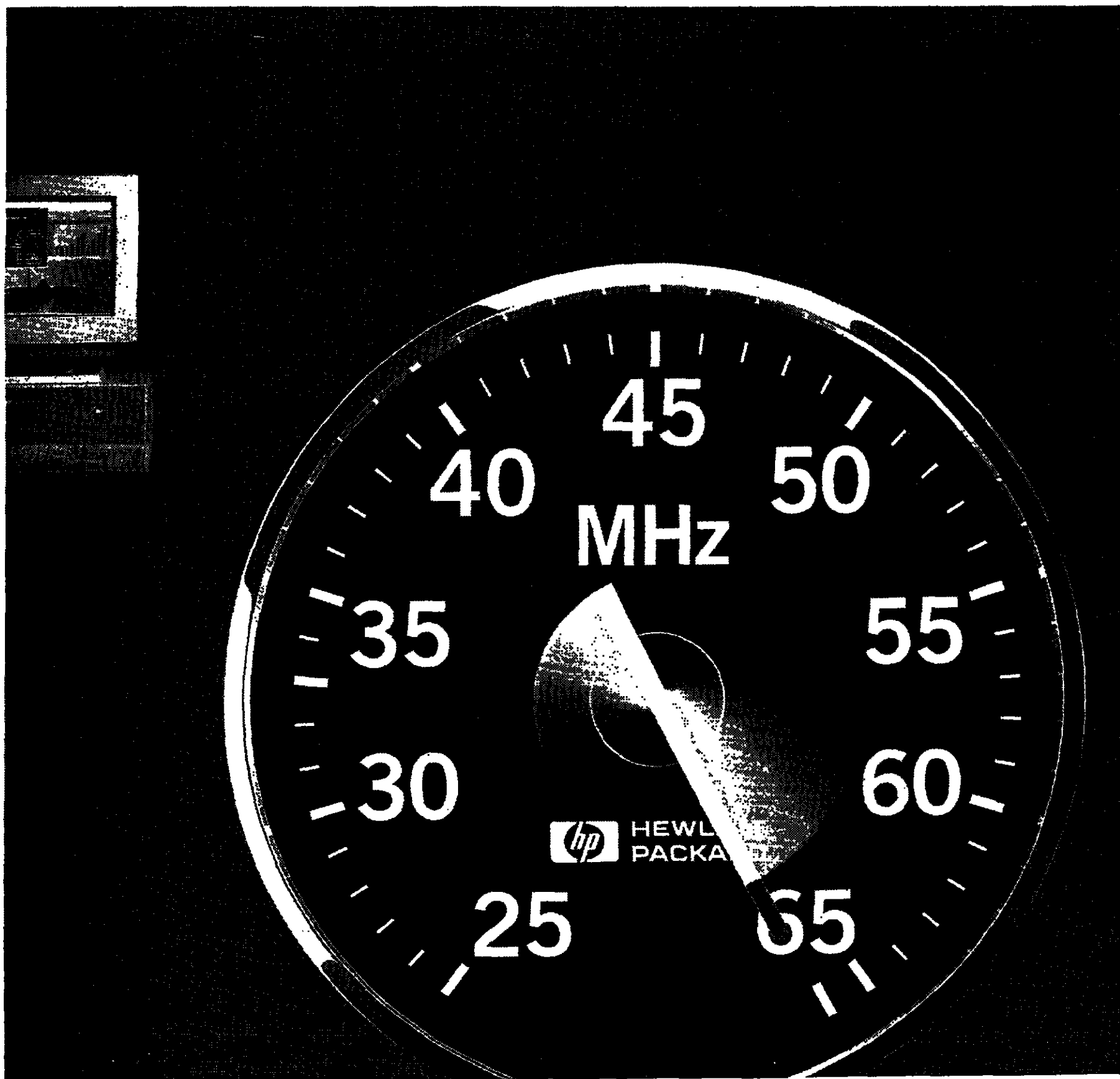
Mansfield, which two years ago withdrew from peripheral areas such as carpet cleaning, bought a total of 117 pubs last

year, bringing the total estate to more than 400.

Geoffrey Kent, the chairman, said the company would continue to expand both by full ownership and leaseholds. Borrowings rose by £16.5 million to £59.8 million, and year-end gearing was 43.7 per cent. A final dividend of 9.6p makes a total of 13.6p, up from 12.1p. The figures, and a confident statement from Mr Kent, sent the shares 12p ahead to 608p.

Like many other brewers, Mansfield suffered over the last financial year from the problem of bad debts to free trade customers. These required a charge against operating profits of £1.2 million for the year.

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BH&L B43 517 7173				
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International	62.95	66.84	+ 0.10	1.32
Abeyu	51.52	54.50	+ 0.47	0.92
Global	61.30	64.10	+ 0.20	0.33
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MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday)		Brussels:	
Dow Jones	3361.36 (-8.56)	General	5946.36 (-13.32)
FT Composite ...	409.38 (-0.68)	Paris: CAC	535.92 (-3.73)
Tokyo:		Zurich: S&K Gen ...	484.8 (-0.8)
Nikkei Avge 17742.87	(-102.17)	London:	
Hong Kong:		FT A All Share	1278.43 (-0.13)
Hang Seng	5917.50 (-22.69)	FT 500	1439.59 (-0.26)
T-SE Euro 100 1174.58	(-0.38)	FT Gold Mines	103.6 (-1.1)
Amsterdam:		FT Fixed interest ..	104.49 (-0.04)
CBS Tendency	130.4 (-8.7)	FT Govt Secs	88.63 (+0.03)
Sydney: AO	1665.8 (-3.8)	Bargains	22155
Frankfurt: DAX 1789.76	(-3.50)	SEAQ Volume	472.3m
		US\$M (Datastrm) ..	139.41 (-0.31)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 8	June 19	September 3	September 14

All options were taken out on 10/6/92: Amstar, Ashly Group, Enterprise Corp, Eastman, Lucas Wls, Proteus, Psion, Riceland, RSC, Sealed Air, Tropicana, Tru, Carr, Ransomes, SEET, Tarmac, Put

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
SE 100						
uous open interest: 42894	Jun 92	2640.0	2657.0	2636.0	2649.0	8608
	Sep 92	2680.0	2692.5	2675.0	2685.5	2793
Three Month Sterling						
uous open interest: 21931	Jun 92	90.00	90.00	89.96	90.97	4358
	Sep 92	90.24	90.25	90.13	90.22	12166
Three Month Eurodollar						
uous open interest: 40513	Jun 92	96.01	96.01	95.98	96.00	1476
	Sep 92	96.74	96.75	96.71	96.74	1376
Three Month Euro DM						
uous open interest: 296201	Jun 92	90.27	90.28	90.25	90.27	4382
	Sep 92	90.33	90.35	90.30	90.34	11834
Treasury Bond						
uous open interest: 1885	Jun 92	100-16	100-16	100-10	100-10	67
	Sep 92	99-10	99-14	99-03	99-05	1041
10 Year Gilt						
uous open interest: 68676	Jun 92	99-20	99-20	97-18	97-21	845
	Sep 92	97-34	97-34	97-14	97-19	224
Japanese Govt Bond						
uous open interest: 96112	Jun 92	101.81	101.85	101.70	101.79	61
	Dec 92					05
German Govt Bond						
uous open interest: 96112	Jun 92	88.32	88.40	88.16	88.32	46812
	Dec 92	88.55	88.55	88.53	88.60	100
Three month ECU						
uous open interest: 11485	Jun 92	99.92	99.98	99.84	99.98	341
	Sep 92	99.82	99.94	99.82	99.84	694
3 Swiss Franc						
uous open interest: 44338	Jun 92	90.94	90.94	90.90	90.91	2064
	Sep 92	91.04	91.07	91.01	91.02	109
1 Year German Govt Bond						
uous open interest: 96112	Jun 92	90.91	90.97	90.90	90.96	3184

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 92.7 (day's range 92.4-92.7).				
STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES				
rates for June 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
London	3.2893-3.2935	3.2893-3.2924	4 1/4-par	4 1/4-par
Edinburgh	95.81-100.18	60.06-100.18	3 1/2-par	7 1/2-par
Glasgow	11.2476-11.2735	11.2510-11.2650	2 1/4-par	2 1/4-par
Birmingham	1.0925-1.0945	1.0925-1.0935	2 1/2-par	1-7ds
Manchester	2.9076-2.9236	2.9021-2.9230	3-par-wds	4 1/4-par
Cardiff	241.96-243.24	141-182.10	141-182.10	42 1/2-par
Sheffield	118.54-120.82	118.54-120.82	118.54-120.82	118.54-120.82
Nottingham	2205.00-221.21	2206.33-2205.92	6-8ds	18-20ds
Leeds	2.1804-2.1909	2.1887-2.1908	0.73-0.65-par	128-118-par
South Wales	1.8372-1.8335	1.8335-1.8335	0.01-0.00-par	2.72-70-par
Cardiff	11.3524-11.4311	11.3524-11.4227	4 1/4-par	4 1/4-par
Cardiff	0.7894-0.8564	0.8222-0.8351	4 1/4-par	4 1/4-par
Edinburgh	10.4899-10.4910	10.4899-10.4910	1 1/4-par	1 1/4-par
Cardiff	233.19-241.00	233.73-234.00	3 1/4-par	3 1/4-par
Cardiff	20.4376-20.5752	20.4458-20.5703	4 1/4-par	2 1/4-par
Cardiff	2.6608-2.6664	2.6608-2.6636	4 1/4-par	4 1/4-par
Cardiff			Precedent-par	Precedent-par

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COMMODITIES

Monday's firm trend vied has attracted a gains on wheat were weakest and down- to establish a new	LONDON OIL REPORTS (PICES-LOR) - London 6.00pm Following a set of beamish inventory figures for crude oil
	CRUDE OILS (Brent Pool)
	Brent's February 21.00 -0.10
	Brent's 15 day (June) 21.10 -0.10
	Brent's 15 day (July) 20.95 -0.10
	WT Tases Intermediate (Jul) 22.20 0.10
	WT Tases Intermediate (Aug) 22.20 0.10
GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES	PRODUCTS (PMT)
WHEAT (close £/b)	Spot CF NW Europe (grouped delivery)
op 112.65	Premium Gas .15 Bid 237 (-2)
cl 115.00	Gasoil EC 187 (-1) 188 (-2)
op 115.00	Gasoil EC 189 (-1) 190 (-1)
cl 116.80	Non EC's H1 (Jul) 190 (-1) 191 (-1)
op 117.80	3.5 Fuel Oil 79 (-5) 80 (-5)
cl 120.00	Naphtha 197 (-1) 199 (-2)
Volume 104.85	
BARLEY (close £/b)	PIPE FUTURES
op 107.85	GNI Ltd
cl 111.00	
op 111.00	
cl 114.60	
op 114.60	
cl 119.50	
Volume 10	
HI-PRO SOYA (close £/b)	GAS OIL
op 126.00	Jun 188.00-88.25 Sep 190.75-91.00
cl 130.00	Jul 187.50-87.75 Oct 192.75-92.25
op 130.00	Aug n/a Nov 194.75-95.25
cl 132.80	Dec 197.00
op 132.80	
cl 136.00	BRENT (5.00pm)
Volume 0	Jul 20.91-20.93 Oct 20.68-20.71
	Aug 20.82-20.83 Nov 20.57-20.60
	Sep 20.74-20.76 Dec 20.54-20.56
	UNDEVELOPED GASOLINE
	Jul 233.00 SLR Sep 215.00-42.00
	Aug 233.00 BID Oct n/a
	Nov 232.00
POTATO	BIFEX
op Open Close	GNI Ltd (\$/bbl)
cl 50 55.00	Jul High 115 Low 113
op 55.00 58.00	Aug 1045 1060 1050 1055
cl 58.00 61.00	Oct 1072 1070 1070 1070
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cl 63.00 65.00	Vol 6 of lots. Open lots in 250s. Index 1183 -4
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RUBBER	LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
No 1 RSS CF (¢/lb)	5pm: 1201-1215 (June) 1201-1215 (July)
Jul 52.00-52.50	1207-1248 (Aug) 1200-1249 (Sep)
	1290-1450 (S) 1290-1290 (S)
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(official: volume per day)	Radcliff Wall
Open (6.45 a.m. - 6.55 a.m.)	Vol 12475
Close (6.55 a.m. - 7.00 a.m.)	Vol 12475
Open (7.00 a.m. - 7.05 a.m.)	Vol 12475
Close (7.05 a.m. - 7.10 a.m.)	Vol 12475

Australia	1.3123-1.3131
Austria	11.22-11.24
Belgium (Com)	32.80-32.84

ounce	\$344.40/\$354.97	Canada	1.194/1.197
pound	0.810/0.811	China	6.151/1.156
marka	7.925/8.000	France	5.365/5.570
drachma	350.52/354.08	Germany	1.944/1.949
lira	14.140/14.141	Greece	1.040/1.040
scudo	51.54/52.20	Ireland	1.671/1.670
krone KD	0.00.5555	Italy	127.67/127.67
lira dringit	6.619/6.618	Japan	2.521/2.525
peso	3.363/3.371	Malaysia	1.25/1.25
scellino	0.810/0.811	Netherlands	1.280/1.280
corona royal	0.810/0.810	Norway	1.32/1.32
lira	2.974/2.979	Portugal	1.265/1.267
rand	0.694/0.695	Spain	100/100.00
rand (com)	5.170/5.175	Sweden	5.761/5.760
franc	6.672/6.757	Switzerland	1.454/1.455

* Bank GTS * Lygus Bank.

MONEY RATES (%)

Rates: Clearing Banks 10 Finance Hse 10%
 at Market Rates: Overnight high 10%
 90 days (Dis-Buy): 2 mth 0% 3 mth 0%
 Low 0% Week End 0%
 Sell 2 mth 0% 3 mth 0%

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	9 mth	12 mth
Bank Rates (Dis-Buy)	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%
Money Rates	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%
Rate: open 10, close 11%.						

	CDs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Authority Depos	0.0-0%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CDs	3.8-3.81	n/a	3.8-3.83	3.0-3.06	4.1-4.14	0.0-0%
Society CDs	0.1-0.12	0.1-0.12	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0-0%

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance: Make-up day May 29, 1992 agreed
 rate May 1, 1992 to July 25, 1992 Scheme 1: 1.33% Scheme 1B: 11.35%
 rate May 1, 1992 to May 31, 1992 Scheme IV & V: 10.122%

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Germany	0.0-0%	3.1-3.14	4-4.4	4.0-4.3	0.0-0%
France	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%
Spain	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%
Italy	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%	0.0-0%

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

	Low	High
Open \$338.00-338.30	Clos: \$337.75-338.25	High: \$338.70-339.20
Low \$337.30-337.70	Krugger: \$337.50-338.50	SG: (\$32.75-183.75)

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No.	Company	Group	Price	Net Yld	P/E
1	Shell & Esso	Chemicals	10.50	4.5	14.2
2	Woolley	Industrial	10.50	4.5	14.2
3	Midland	Chemicals	10.50	4.5	14.2
4	Cadbury-Schweppes	Food	10.50	4.5	14.2
5	British Telecom	Telecom	10.50	4.5	14.2
6	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
7	British Petroleum	Oil	10.50	4.5	14.2
8	British Gas	Utilities	10.50	4.5	14.2
9	British Steel	Steel	10.50	4.5	14.2
10	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
11	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
12	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
13	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
14	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
15	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
16	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
17	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
18	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
19	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2
20	British Airways	Airline	10.50	4.5	14.2

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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

There were no winners yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize.

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ACCOUNTANCY TIMES

Philip Hewitt outlines the benefits of a CIMA training

Industrial accountancy 'more than just keeping the score'

In the real world out there, accountancy is not an end to itself. The question the profession must have always at the forefront of its collective mind is: "What does the business world require from us?"

If we are really as good as we claim to be, we must have some sharp answers ready for that question.

Robert Bruce focused on accountancy in industry with almost cruel precision in one of his recent *Audit* columns on this page. Making the point that some accountants who move into industry find that the easy option is to isolate themselves with their skills (and I cannot quarrel with that) he suggested that such "inadequates" give rise to the view that "accountants make lousy managers".

They do when they are the poor creatures he portrays. The whole purpose of management accountancy as fostered by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) is to ensure that companies are served by infinitely better material than Mr Bruce's caricature of isolationists hunched over their spreadsheets in some corner of a foreign (to them) factory.

The charge against accountants that they are a hindrance rather than a help to industry and business development is not new. It wasn't new when Akio Morita, the founder and chairman of Sony, made it in 1987. It is ages old.

A few in Sheffield might just remember the self-made steelmaster who brooked no opposition. With great reluctance he was persuaded to take an accountant into his boardroom. Attending his first board meeting, the accountant was aghast at the old man's refusal to listen or discuss. Finally, the accountant spoke up. The old chairman turned on him fiercely. "Tha shut up. Tha's only here to keep bloody score."

The point is that industry today looks for much more than score keeping from its accountants, and is sometimes disappointed by the unwillingness of individual accountants to contribute to the business as a whole.

In my lifetime's experience as a management accountant, I can say that when industrial managers fall out with their accountancy colleagues it is almost always because of impatience with that certain type of accountant who is content to be a bookkeeper and bean counter. Such people are usually those whose training emphasis has been on audit work.



"The business accountant is a prime supplier of information to management": Philip Hewitt, president of CIMA

internal checks, and internal control of the business. Such disciplines are very important and should in no way be diminished. However, they are a mere fraction of the areas that a good management accountant should cover.

The person in a management accountancy post, who has been trained properly, will also be looking at the business potential of the marketing plans and the products being developed, in the context of a clear understanding of the company's strategies and objectives. For example, the company might have a range of different targets for particular sectors of business.

It could be aiming to be the lowest cost producer in one area, to be the best service provider in another, and to pitch for a profitable niche market in a third sector. All will require differing inputs from the management accountant.

Part of the problem is that the emphasis on training in the accountancy profession is on audit, internal checks and control, the preparation of the statutory accounts of a company, and taxation.

The trainee will visit clients for the purpose of an audit once or twice a year, without, perhaps, ever achieving a close

understanding of the business. The training of a CIMA management accountant, on the other hand, is carried out as an employee of the company, which gives him ample opportunity to understand fully what the business is all about — its strategic aims and objectives. It also allows the student, indeed expects the student, to contribute to those aims and to be a part of the

'Modern industry has no room for the accountant who sees producing an account as an end in itself'

management of the business. Many of the major companies in Britain have training programme agreements with CIMA. They undertake to move the student through various offices of the accounting function and may also move them for periods into other areas of the business during three years of training. The training programme is designed to be sufficiently broad to equip the student to become part of the management team.

Meanwhile, we also have the forum of the CIMA em-

ployers' group and regional standards groups, as component parts of a national matrix of points of contact for students and employers and the institute to keep in touch with each other.

A new scheme, now in the experimental stage, is designed to allow students to be seconded to other companies on a one-for-one exchange basis for periods of at least six months to broaden their industrial experience.

Many of the 59,000 CIMA students are graduates who have entered industry and are working to become management accountants while also acting as executives for their companies. We believe that our training, because it concentrates on practical business experience, is a better training for the business accountant than three years in the auditing profession.

Our route provides a person with the training to look at what the figures really are — the numerical representation of a business by the value of the products produced and sold, the cost and value of the raw materials awaiting conversion, and the value of goods shipped to suppliers and awaiting payment. The business accountant is a realist who understands that, until the debt has been collected, no profit has been made. The

good business accountant understands that he or she has a vital role as a prime supplier of information to management.

The creative part of the work is to ensure the information provided is what is required to secure progress towards implementing the company's strategy and the growth of the business.

Figures are a common denominator of business. We expect management accountants to see those figures as the symbols of the business that he understands also in terms of hardware, people, and resources.

Modern industry has no room for the kind of accountant who sees the production of the annual accounts as an end in itself, and the end of his or her responsibilities. That is only part of the job of an accountant in industry.

To be a good management accountant you have to have an instinct for business, which you are unlikely to develop through auditing. You get it through being part of a management team.

The author is the new president of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, who, until retiring recently, was a director of management services in the Nestlé Group.

Tax work provides surprising boost

EVERYONE knows that accountants have organised their businesses in such a way that they can take a "heads we win, tails you lose" view of recession. In simple terms, the core business of audit goes on for ever, but in good times, fees are boosted by add-ons such as corporate finance advice and, in bad times, insolvency work more than fills the gap.

Or so the argument used to run. These days, recession, despite the insolvency work, is forcing accountancy firms to get rid of the unwise fat they put on in the late 1980s. However, there is one unlikely area of their work that seems to have bucked all the trends. This is tax.

Even the firms are surprised at the amount and type of tax work they are building up from their clients.

Traditionally, early summer is the time when all the main accountancy firms publish their overall fee income figures. Unlike their clients' results, these are un-audited and so can be, well, restated, moulded into different shapes, or, in some cases, just plain fiddled.

This year has been no exception. The need for the profession was to show that times were hard but that the firms were surviving. The

figures do just that. If the contribution from the tax departments of the large firms is analysed out, however, a different story is found. The table published by Accountancy Age last week, showed that Ernst & Young, Price Waterhouse, KPMG Peat Marwick and Touche Ross all posted increases in tax work fees this year of between 12 and 14 per cent.

The only large firm to show a slight drop in fee income from tax was Coopers and Lybrand. But they can comfort themselves that, with £120 million of fees, they still retained their position as top of the tax league with those billings almost exactly double those of Arthur Andersen, the firm in sixth place.

More interesting still are the areas where some of this growth in work is coming from. In an increasingly sophisticated financial world, the firms reckoned that the real growth in tax work would be in the fancier areas. Increasingly, however, this does not appear to be the case.

In the past few weeks, there have been two announcements that may point to a complete change in the ways in which companies deal with their tax responsibilities.

First, British Telecom announced that it was going to pass the responsibility for its entire in-house corporate tax department to Coopers and Lybrand, its auditors.

Then BP announced that it was going to transfer all its UK corporation tax compliance work to Price Waterhouse along with 20 of its staff.

In America, there has been a trend for this type of deal for some time. In the UK it is new. Companies are no longer feeling that they have to retain control over what they see as in-house services. During the 1980s, multina-

tionals were rapidly building in-house services in virtually everything.

In a recession they start to analyse costs differently and suddenly all those departments appear superfluous. Even with an in-house tax capability, for example, external advice is still needed.

So pressure on costs has effectively forced companies to privatise their in-house departments. The winners in this look to be the accountancy firms. They suddenly find themselves flooded with work. One tax partner said last week: "There is nothing that motivates people with time on their hands better than getting them back to a regular pattern of 15-hour days."

The new work also provides the firms with some pay-off on the heavy investment they have been making in information technology to provide sophisticated systems to deal with much tax work.

Computerisation is only part of the answer. It gets rid of much of the slog. What it cannot deal with are the judgmental areas and the lengthy dealings with the Inland Revenue.

In the type of agreements that the accountancy firms are going for with companies eager to diversify their tax work, the professionals may find they have an Achilles heel. Companies are wanting to rid themselves of their tax staff as well as their tax departments. For example, it appears that one of the factors that led to Price Waterhouse winning the BP work rather than BP's auditors, Ernst & Young, or Arthur Andersen, the other firm that was invited to tender, was that PW, as well as under-cutting on the price, was willing to take on more of the existing BP staff. If the shifting of corporate tax staff across to accounting firms becomes a large trend then problems will arise. The staff of tax compliance depart-

ments in a multinational understand the culture of that company and its decision-making process. Their knowledge will be of value to the accounting firm.

However, such departments are often also regarded as not really being an environment for the most ambitious of tax people. They tend to be regarded as elephants' graveyards.

Accountancy firms are notoriously bad at staff management. They may not be able to cope with the personnel problems involved in a sudden influx of comfortable tax experts into what is often a surprisingly ruthless and impersonal environment. They will just have to learn.

What is amazing is how the accountancy firms again seem to have landed on their feet without knowing how they did it. One bemused but smiling partner in one of the large firms said last week: "A few years ago, we reckoned all the business would be high value tax work."

"It comes as a bit of a surprise suddenly to have millions of pounds lobbed at you to do compliance work."

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ROBERT BRUCE

Tougher penalties are urged for rule breaches

THE disciplinary process for dealing with erring accountants is too slow and the penalties too weak, according to Ian Plaistowe, newly appointed president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Mr Plaistowe, who took office last week, is urging a speedy review of the disciplinary system.

"My contact with members around the country shows that they want the institute to be fair, firm and fast in our dealings with those who fall below the professional standards we expect," he said in his opening address to the institute's council.

"I have no doubts about the integrity and fairness of our system. But we need to recognise that many ordinary members do not believe our penalties have always been tough enough."

Complaints against chartered accountants were likely to go on rising, Mr Plaistowe said. "We may need to find even more resources to tackle this. Nevertheless, I believe that we must have as a priority a significant reduction in the time which it takes us to handle complaints. Our reputa-



Institute's members want action: Ian Plaistowe

tion depends in part upon our achieving this." It could take almost a year from a letter of complaint being received to the time the matter was laid to rest, he said.

Requiring cases to be resolved within a fixed timescale of six months would be one way forward.

"It's a question of increasing the institute's clout and showing the public we are prepared to act firmly," Mr Plaistowe said.

The institute is preparing for one of its most publicised disciplinary hearings in years. Michael Jordan and Richard Stone, of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, were due to appear before the institute's disciplinary committee last month after a complaint from a rival firm about their appointment as administrators to Polly Peck in October 1990.

The complaint hinges on the fact that Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte took on the role of administrator to the collapsed group of companies even though it had been retained by it on previous occasions.

This, it is alleged, created a conflict of interest. The disciplinary hearing was postponed after the institute requested more information.

When it takes place, there will be intense pressure for firm action if the complaint is upheld. The institute has the right to admonish, to fine or to withdraw practising certificates. When judgment is passed, Mr Plaistowe's remarks may have a prophetic ring.

JON ASHWORTH

Expectation gap and naivety create difficulties in Prague

Edward Fennell says accountants are taking the brunt of the blame for Czechoslovakia's economic problems

From W.A.C. Newson

Sir, As a chartered surveyor and valuer, I read with interest your article on May 28 entitled "Putting a price-tag on the property of food retailers."

I entirely endorse the comments of your contributor, who is a chartered accountant, that market prices do not take proper account of depreciation of freehold (and long leasehold) buildings.

This is not a problem confined to the valuation of supermarkets and superstores. Office buildings erected only ten years ago are now regarded as "second hand", particularly in central London, and if they were to fall vacant through a lease expiry, a tenant going out of business or a tenant exercising a break clause (commonly included in leases today), those buildings would necessarily require substantial expenditure by the owner on refurbishment. Some buildings only 15 years old are already ripe for total redevelopment.

This raises many important questions as to whether values ascribed to certain types of property are "correct" having regard to the underlying returns.

Surely the market should be reassessing the way in which it values properties with, for example, medium-term reversions by doing many more cash flow exercises with reversion to site value. With site values today at a low level, this would produce some very interesting answers compared with what is being paid in the market place for such properties.

I would recommend don't buy them!

Yours faithfully,
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system of popular capitalism is attracting great interest. Western firms are playing a vital role in the process by valuing property and plant and converting Czech accounts into a form that Westerners can understand. There is widespread resentment, however, over the fees paid for these services.

Although much of the funding comes from western bodies, this is merely seen as a neat money laundering operation. One Czech businessman complained: "Instead of recycling the money back into western pockets, why can't they let us use it to invest in the equipment we need?"

There are complaints in the other direction, too. One firm

of accountants is realising, to its dismay, that if Czech companies do not like the advice they receive, they might not pay the fees. "Some Czechoslovak companies have told us flatly at the end of a project that they are not going to pay us because they don't like what we've told them," it says. "In other cases, they never had the money in the first place. We are starting to vet potential clients much more carefully."

Beneath the surface frictions, however, western accountants and management consultants are confident that the Czech economy has great potential and needs relatively few years to turn itself round. "There's a misconception in

the West that all eastern European industry is run-down," Matt Pottle, of Coopers & Lybrand, said. "It's not. I've been astonished by the amount of recent investment in modern manufacturing processes in some factories in Czechoslovakia."

Nobody disputes that the Czechs are well educated and eager to learn western techniques.

Practices such as Coopers and Price Waterhouse are now staffed up 75 per cent by Czechs and Slovaks and large investments are being made in training staff for the UK-based certified accountancy qualifications.

John Major's endorsement of a quick entry into the EC for Czechoslovakia is widely welcomed. The challenge faced by the new government will be to sustain economic redevelopment in the midst of political uncertainty.

New role in retirement

ACCOUNTANTS work long hours, but at least most of them enjoy a prosperous retirement. Others, like Jim Cain, a long-serving partner with Pannell Kerr Forster, go on to double their workload. Cain, who retired from PKF in 1986 after 32 years in the Isle of Man office, has been settling in to his new role as speaker of the House of Keys, the lower house of the Manx parliament. "Professional life had been good to me and I wanted to put something back into the island," says Cain, who can indirectly take a little credit for widening the scope of accountancy training. Isle of Man residents were obliged

to take articles in England or Wales, and Cain duly joined the Liverpool firm of WH Walker. Alexander Walker, the senior partner, served on the council of the ICAEW and changed the bylaws so that residents of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands could take their articles on home ground. Cain is now busy preparing for the Manx national day on July 6.

Japanese links

ANY contract that combines the Japanese capacity for work with the European love of bureaucracy must be worth its weight in gold. Enter KPMG

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Management Consulting, which has been called in by the European Community to help foster ties between Japan and Brussels. The firm's task is to find senior managers to send on a training course aimed at developing business with Japanese companies. Japan accounts for 15 per cent of EC imports but takes only 5.6 of EC exports, and Lord Cockfield, the architect of the single European market, is keen to redress the balance. "We need to recognise that Japan is one of the world's largest markets," he says. "Reducing imports from Japan would be a negative approach ultimately to nobody's

advantage. The right answer must be to develop trade with Japan." KPMG has found three victims for the course and is hunting for more.

Take the biscuit

LET it not be said that Ian Plaistowe, president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, has lost his sense of priorities so soon after taking up office. Plaistowe, a partner with Arthur Andersen, held a "meet the press" session this week during which it became clear where his heart lies. One of his first tasks as president, he revealed, was to replace the "re-

volting" biscuits the institute serves to visitors. His intention was to replace them with chocolate digestives, but the ICA had beaten him to it. The table was laden with a choice variety provided by Pru Leith, the in-house caterer, leaving Plaistowe free to turn to more pressing matters.

PRICE Waterhouse has just provided another clue that the economy has bottomed out. While fee income from audit work has been marking time, insolvency has proved a money spinner for the Big Six. Is it all that about to change? Price Waterhouse has appointed 11 new audit partners compared with only one in corporate recovery and insolvency.

JON ASHWORTH

Fast bowler celebrates as Hampshire dismiss Somerset's challenge to earn a place at Lord's

Marshall achieves final objective

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHAMPTON (Somerset won toss): Hampshire beat Somerset by six wickets

AFTER shredding the nerves and patience of their supporters for 25 years without reaching a single knockout cup final, Hampshire are now treating it almost as commonplace. They will play in their third final in five seasons, at Lord's on July 11, after disposing of Somerset yesterday with the minimum of fuss.

The surprise side of the Benson and Hedges competition this season, Somerset were nothing if not combative and, even when all logically looked lost, their bowling, much their stronger suit, kept the game alive for a sunbathing full house of 5,500.

Ultimately, they were simply outclassed by the team which must now be thought the best in the country at this form of the game. A target of 219, on the usual blameless pitch at Northlands Road, was never likely to extend Hampshire and Paul Terry, in his first senior game since dislocating a thumb three weeks ago, batted coolly through the innings for 89 as the target was reached with 11 balls in hand.

There have been no happier men in the south of England last night than Malcolm Marshall. It was an ambition of his to play in a Lord's final when he made his Hampshire debut, on this ground and in a snowstorm, 13 years ago.

For all his global achievements since, the ambition remains unfulfilled. Yesterday was his fifth semi-final but his first win, and the tears of dejection which accompanied the most recent defeat were replaced by that familiar grin.

Marshall has had better days with the ball — he conceded ten in wides and no-balls — but his early spell was still crucial.

Somerset are an inexperienced side with the bat these days and if they were to test Hampshire, who are decidedly not, they needed a fluent start. Marshall ensured they were never on terms.

Lathwell, despite his youth, is the man to whom Somerset now look for momentum. Marshall, prancing in at full throttle, undid him in his second over, exploring his mettle with a fierce short one which took the edge from a bat flung high in self-defence. Aymes held a good, tumbling catch down the leg side.

Starting his fifth over, Marshall had still not conceded a run from the bat, but he inflicted more pain, this time physically, when he forced Hayhurst to retire with a badly bruised finger. He did re-

turn at the fall of the fourth wicket, but this was disruption of a kind Somerset could not easily withstand.

Nicholas habitually employs his slow bowlers early and Maru struck in his second over, the fourteenth of the innings, hitting Harden's off stump as he swept. Tavaré felt obliged to drop anchor and, at the halfway point, Somerset had crawled to 59 for two, but the captain's stand of 46 with Macleay was vital in steadying the ship.

Connor, who took wickets each time Nicholas turned to him, removed Tavaré through a sharp slip catch, but this brought in Rose to play the violent innings demanded if this was to be a contest.

Rose's 65 came from 61 balls and, of his three sixes, two were struck off Udal from successive balls. The last, a massive straight drive, soared out of the ground during an over from James which cost 19 runs.

Connor's final return again did the trick for Hampshire. Gower taking two catches in the over at mid-on to dismiss Rose and Snell, and although Burns continued to bat with energy and innovation to the end, Somerset were 30 runs short of par.

They received instant encouragement when Middleton, whose run-flood has dried up a touch, edged Mallett to second slip in the first over.

Smith, however, is a massively reassuring figure for Hampshire, and he took on the scoring duties while Terry batted passively.

Having pulled his first ball for four, Terry added only nine runs in the next 18 overs, yet gave the impression he had the situation in hand. He was dropped once, by Tavaré off Snell, and as he had made only ten at the time, it arguably cost Somerset their chance.

Smith was never out for fewer than 50 in Hampshire's run to the NatWest Trophy last year and he only fell six runs short here through a run-out. Terry sending him back as he called a single to mid-wicket from the non-striker's end.

Gower arrived with 133 still needed in the second half of the innings and made the asking rate look trivial, as only he can.

His 42 was decorated with exquisite shots and, true to character, terminated by a casual one. Nicholas's quick exit produced a minor tremor but Terry was more than equal to it.

The England selectors have put back the announcement of the team for the second Test against Pakistan from Friday to Sunday.



On his way: Brown, the Surrey batsman, is caught behind by Marsh off the bowling of Davis yesterday

Kent survive to return to Lord's

BY PETER BALL

CANTERBURY (Surrey won toss): Kent beat Surrey by 2 wickets

KENT are back at Lord's for a final for the first time since 1986, beating Surrey by two wickets in an unbelievably tense, low-scoring match. They made seriously hard work of it, winning with one ball to spare as Surrey defended their low total with some good bowling of their own.

Even allowing for conditions giving bowlers some help in the morning, Kent bowled quite splendidly to leave Stewart's decision to bat in the morning first very questionable. They batted as if in the grip of collective hysteria, batsman after batsman committing suicide with a succession of bad shots when they seemed set to see their side home, even Hooper and Fleming finally succumbing to the dementia when glory beckoned.

It made for an enthralling game for a packed, ultimately delicious, crowd. There was even a streaker, but it being Canterbury, a modest streaker, the man keeping his briefs on throughout his cavortings.

For much of the Surrey innings Kent seemed to have things completely under control. So much so that not only

did both openers, Iggesden and Ealham, bowl their eleven overs straight off, but so did the two spinners.

With Iggesden and Ealham bowling cleverly to exploit the conditions, that unusual tactic, possibly unique, worked splendidly for a time. David Bicknell fell to an authentic, but upish, shot which also undid Lynch. Hooper taking an excellent head high catch at first slip.

Ealham could not find the pace or bounce of Iggesden, but his changes of pace and little movement were deceptive enough to unsettle the batsmen. Stewart, who survived a very confident appeal for a catch at gully first ball, was deceived by a slower ball, clipping it to mid-on.

Then Ward was beaten by a ball which left him, leaving Surrey at 47 for four off their

first 20 overs, with a lot resting on Thorpe. He responded doggedly as Hooper and Davis took over, conscious of the responsibility on his shoulders, taking few chances, and keeping the score moving along mainly in ones and twos, pushing 29 singles in his 50.

Brown kept him company for a while, and then Feltham came in to show more aggression as Davis and Hooper in their turn finished their allotted overs.

Kent's tactic had succeeded, but it left a lot of responsibility on McCague and Fleming. Had Fleming not misjudged two lofted drives from Feltham in Davis's final over and McCague not mixed in a rash of full-toes and an otherwise impeccable line and length, it might have worked triumphantly.

But although the two third-

change bowlers picked up their quota of wickets, Fleming achieving a personal best two for 32 in the competition, in a low scoring game the balance swung imperceptibly as Thorpe and the tail took the score towards 200, and then Bicknell and Benjamin in their turn put Kent's batsmen under pressure.

Bicknell, who had taken a McCague full toss on the hand, bowled with vim, trapping Ward half forward, and conceding only 13 runs in his first eight overs.

When Kendrick replaced him, Benson became increasingly bogged down, and for a time Kent fell behind Surrey's early slow progress.

Then came Hooper. Bating with an ease nobody else had approached, he appeared set to guide Kent home with some comfort. But once Taylor, who had batted with solid good sense, had been spectacularly snapped up by Stewart, a collective death wish settled on the Kent batsmen.

Cowdrey succumbed to a poor shot; Hooper, after reaching his 50 from 46 balls, top edged a sweep. When Marshall was adjudged lbw to leave Kent 139 for 6, their hopes looked slim, but Fleming led the recovery. After he too holed out, with 16 runs still needed off 16 balls, McCague completed the rescue.

SURREY		KENT	
D J Bicknell	13	T R Ward	4
M A Lynch	5	M R Benson	17
J A Thorpe	41	G P Fleming	32
G P Thorpe	82	C L Hooper	50
D M Ward	16	G R Cowdrey	13
A D Brown	16	M V Fleming	40
M Feltham	35	S A Marshall	6
M P Bicknell	24	M A Ealham	7
N M Kendrick	24	M J McCague	7
S Boring	0	R P Davis	0
J E Benjamin	0	M J McCague	0
Extras (lb 5, nb 1)	0	Extras (lb 3, nb 7, w 8)	18
Total (54.5 overs)	198	Total (60 overs)	199
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-27, 3-27, 4-41, 5-61, 6-152, 7-153, 8-162, 9-197.		FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-45, 3-102, 4-115, 5-130, 6-138, 7-163, 8-183.	
BOWLING: Iggesden 11-24-4-1; Ealham 11-23-0-2; Hooper 11-13-0-2; Davis 11-5-0-1; McCague 5-20-0-3; Fleming 5-32-2.		BOWLING: M P Bicknell 10-5-2-2; Benson 11-20-5-1; Feltham 11-4-0-1; Kendrick 11-4-0-2; Boring 11-0-0-2.	

SOUTHAMPTON SCOREBOARD	
SOMERSET	HAMPSHIRE
A N Hayhurst	T C Middleton
M N Lathwell	P V Terry
R J Harden	R A Smith
C J Tavaré	D J Gower
K H Macleay	M C J Nicholas
G D Rose	M J Aymes
D D Burns	K D James
R P Small	E Extras
N A Mallett	Extras (lb 7, w 12, nb 3)
A R Ciddick	Total (60 overs)
Extras (lb 7, w 12, nb 3)	Total (60 overs)
Total (60 overs)	Total (60 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-29, 3-75, 4-103, 5-107, 6-179, 7-186, 8-215.	FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-22, 3-24, 4-42, 5-103, 6-125, 7-139, 8-156, 9-158.
BOWLING: Marshall 11-33-1-1; Connor 11-32-0-4; Mallett 11-29-1-1; James 11-0-0-0; Udal 11-0-0-1.	BOWLING: Marshall 11-33-1-1; Connor 11-32-0-4; Mallett 11-29-1-1; James 11-0-0-0; Udal 11-0-0-1.

Wasim raises hopes for second Test

BY IVO TENNANT

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of three): Pakistanis won toss: The Pakistanis, with three first-innings wickets in hand, lead Nottinghamshire by 39 runs

FOR Wasim Akram, this was just the preparation for the rigors of Test cricket. Four wickets was his return in his first match since incurring a stress fracture of a shin last month. All in all, it was a compelling day's cricket, containing as it did a delightful innings from Inzamam-ul-Haq.

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These were just the sticky conditions for Wasim. Captaining the Pakistanis for the first time, he had no misgivings about fielding first. Lolling in off a few paces in his first match for three weeks, he swung the ball considerably.

His figures, four wickets for nine runs off 13.2 overs, would suggest he swung it prodigiously. Not so. In truth there was some pretty awful batting.

Wasim will have a better idea today of whether he will be able to cope with playing in the second Test at Lord's next week. He intends to slip himself in Nottinghamshire's second innings.

Extraordinarily, Wasim did not concede a single run after the ball was changed half an hour into the day's play. His last nine overs were maidens. Having decided the Duke ball had gone out of shape and that there was not a replacement of suitable quality, the umpires switched to a Reader.

Quite why they started with a Duke without any more in stock was another matter. Both Nottinghamshire and the Pakistanis are accustomed to using the Reader, which now has an identical seam. So it was merely coincidental that, no sooner had the ball been switched, than wickets began to tumble.

As the senior batsman at the crease, Broad had to give his consent to this change. No sooner had he done so than Wasim had him leg-before with one that dipped in late. He never was keen to leave the wicket when playing the Pakistanis and for one awful moment looked as if he would stand his ground.

But he went, and the rest soon followed. Lewis played three sumptuous cover drives, two off the front foot, but nobody else caught the eye until Inzamam-ul-Haq batted in similar mode in the final session. Robinson was taken at second slip, unable to control the bounce. Johnson sliced a drive and Randall was caught behind shaping to force through cover. These were sloppy shots.



Wasim: ideal warm-up

Nottinghamshire's innings lasted just 42 overs and 116 runs. It was less humid when the Pakistanis batted, although there was still something to be gained from one of Ron Allsopp's greener pitches. More wickets for the seamers, in fact.

Inzamam after a quiet start, began to pick out the boundary boards. His unbeaten half century included 11 fours, the great majority placed with precision off both front and back foot.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
B C Broad lbw b Wasim 21
M A Crawley c Zahid b Rehman 9
R J Robinson c Inzamam b Anjum 22
P Johnson c Rashid b Anjum 6
D W Randall c Rashid b Tahir 14
C P Lewis c Rashid b Wasim 12
K P Evans lbw b Wasim 8
N French not out 11
R A Pick c Rashid b Tahir 0
R E Cooper b Tahir 0
J A Athorpe c Anjum b Wasim 11
Extras (w 1, nb 10) 11
Total 116
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-52, 3-60, 4-76, 5-84, 6-94, 7-104, 8-105, 9-105.
BOWLING: Wasim 13.2-0-4; Anjum 9.2-25-0; Tahir 7.0-30-1; Anjum 5.0-25-2; Tahir 8.1-24-3.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings
Shoaib Mohammad c Broad b Pick 16
Asim Shariq c French b Cooper 47
Asif Muneer c French b Evans 45
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out 58
Zahid Fazal lbw b Cooper 0
Wahid Akram not out 0
Naved Anjum b Evans 4
Rashid Latif c Crawley b Pick 8
Tahir Mehmood not out 7
Extras (w 2, nb 9) 11
Total 155
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-72, 3-74, 4-78, 5-87, 6-91, 7-142.
Asif Muneer and Asim Shariq to bat.
Umpires: G I Burgess and R A White.

Morris men edge their way to trophy final

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FINE bowling displays from Steve Bastien and Steve Barwick took Glamorgan into the final of the Ticon Trophy with an eight-run win over Yorkshire at Harrogate yesterday.

Needing 176 to win, Yorkshire struggled throughout their innings and were all out for 167 in the final over despite a stand of 60 in 22 overs between David Byas and Sachin Tendulkar.

Tendulkar was top scorer for the home side with 40, but this occupied 101 balls with only three boundaries. He fell to one of two superb catches by Colin Meson behind the wicket.

Bastien took the final wicket to finish with four for 29 in 10.3 overs and Barwick took the wickets of Byas (37), Chris Pickles and Jeremy Batty at a cost of only 31.

Glamorgan had slumped to 91 for five, but were kept going by Hugh Morris, their opener, who batted for 51 overs in making the top score of 82 from 165 balls with ten fours to earn the man-of-the-match award.

Glamorgan meet Sussex, who beat Durham by 37 runs on Tuesday, in the final today.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Torquay: Chesham 197-6 (S Crawley 51) and 25-0, Devon 22-2.

GLAMORGAN	
S P James	0
H Morris	82
D L Hopkin	26
M P Bicknell	29
P A Bailey	13
S Dhanraj	13
R D B Croft	13
C P Merson	13
S L Watkin	13
S Bastien	0
S Barwick	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)	8
Total (64.3 overs)	176
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-36, 3-45, 4-51, 5-105, 6-108, 7-115, 8-115, 9-130, 10-138, 11-167.	
BOWLING: Robinson 9.2-27-5; Gough 10-2-29-2; Pickles 8-2-25-3; Tendulkar 9-2-20-2; Batty 11-2-32-0; Grayson 11-2-33-0.	
YORKSHIRE	
M D Mason	14
S A Kelliott	13
D Blyde	37
S R Tendulkar	40
R J Bailey	13
A P Grayson	13
C P Merson	13
D Gough	2
J Batty	0
M A Robinson	0
Extras (lb 7, w 6)	13
Total (64.3 overs)	167
BOWLING: Watkin 11-4-32-2; Bastien 10-3-29-4; Croft 9-1-16-0; Barwick 11-1-31-3; Collyer 3-0-21-0; Dhanraj 11-2-31-0.	

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chester-le-Street: Durham 220 (J A Copley 108, N A Derrington 54-11) and 18-0; Lancashire 232 (D J Culligan 104, R C Ryan 118, S M McEwan 47-8). Aberystwyth: Middlesex 264-8 dec P Partridge 123, R J Sims 115; D J Foster 4-73, M C Dobson 4-54; Glamorgan 198 (Dobson 94 not out) and 140-3 (A R Butcher 95). Gloucestershire: Somerset 312 (J Townsend 84, R J Turner 84, R W Studd 5-23, Derrington 220-9 (G S Sizer 94, P J Robinson 4-24), Barnet Green: Worcestershire 205 and 21-0; Gloucestershire 251-1 dec.

OTHER MATCH: Oxford: Minor Counties 205-7 (S G Plumb 53), Barnet Green 140 (Richardson 51, N P Hackett 5-27). Minor Counties won by 65 runs.

Reviving spirit of Olympics in imperfect world

We share a hero. He is 85 years old. Sixty years ago, he won a gold medal, and broke the world record, in the first Los Angeles Olympics, and the story of how he overcame every adversity was an inspiration to both our Olympic careers.

David telephoned him recently: "Mr Robert Tisdall: It's David Hemery here."

"Hemery?" Tisdall said. "Are you still alive?"

That epitomises the lack of contact there is between people who share a unique experience, an experience of great significance in each of our lives. As children, we dreamed dreams of becoming an Olympian, of taking part in the world's greatest festival of sport. And when, in our adulthood, it came to pass, we shared our lives, our hopes, our triumphs and our disasters with our team-mates and with our fellow Olympians from all over the world.

Perhaps it was an unreal world, but it was a world, a village, of ideals, of excellence, of dedication, of camaraderie — a world which had a profound effect on our lives and which remains rooted in our souls.

And then it was all over. We went our separate ways to earn our living, to take out mortgages, to bring up families, to live our lives from day to day. Every four years we think of those who follow in our footsteps. We strive with them through the selection process, rejoice when they get into the team, suffer their disasters and cheer their triumphs. But seldom, if ever, do we meet or do we help.

Now that is about to change — thanks to a Spanish diplomat and an English woman. Juan Antonio Samaranch is president of the International Olympic Committee. Some years ago, he decided that it was time to gather together the scattered members of the Olympic family.

In Britain, all the Olympic medal winners who could be traced assembled in the great rooms of Buckingham Palace, there to receive an Olympic lapel badge from the Princess Royal, herself an Olympian. We met old colleagues and rivals, we put faces to the names of our childhood heroes and then, again, we went our separate ways.

Today there is another, bigger, reunion: over 850 British Olympians gather together at Mottram Hall, outside Manchester, to receive their pins from the

By Chris Brasher, Olympic steeplechase champion in 1956, and David Hemery, who broke the world record for 400 metres hurdles while winning gold at the 1968 Games in Mexico City

Princess Royal and from the medalists of their year.

This evening, we shall again go our separate ways, but this time we shall know that contact is to be maintained, thanks to the work of Liz Ferris, who, at the age of 19, won the bronze medal in springboard diving at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

For many years, Liz has believed that Olympians would like to share and promote the ideas, the ideals and the experience of the Olympics at their best. We could make school visits, help to raise funds, pass on our knowledge to present competitors. And when the Games are over, we can assist the new Olympians by sharing our experience of jobs and of life in the big wide world. So the Olympians is formed today — the British branch of a worldwide club.

Among the many aims of this club, there is one that is close to both our hearts — and to the hearts of the 15 Olympians who gathered last week in the home of Lord Desborough, the founder of the British Olympic Association in 1905. We are all idealists — indeed all Olympians are idealists — and we believe that the Olympic movement, at its best, represents a world in which every person is dedicated to bringing the best out of themselves, in mind, body and spirit.

We live in an imperfect world, a world in which the Olympics are under threat. Money, politics, drugs and international conflict are all leaning heavily on the integrity of the Games and on the competitors. But it is a world in which we are all, individually, accountable for our actions. As parents, teachers, coaches, officials, sponsors, correspondents, broadcasters and fans, we also have a collective responsibility: can we not make our world what we would like it to be?

Collectively, we shall have more influence: may be not a great deal but every Olympian knows that it is that last fraction of a percentage of effort which makes all the difference between triumph and disaster.

SCHOOLS SPORT

Olympic prospects are put to the test

BY CHRIS DIGHTON

TWO weeks before the Olympic Games start in Barcelona, some of Britain's leading young athletes will be taking a step down the road to Atlanta 1996. Today's experienced internationals look back on the English schools championship, to be held this year in Hull, as an important milestone in their careers — even if it did not appear that way at the time.

Steve Cram described the championships as an excellent and formative experience because it was the first time as a competitor that he had been marshalled and marched into the stadium.

Neal Dickinson, a retired headmaster from Chester-le-Street, Durham, has been involved with the running of the event for many years and recalls some performers. Geoff Capes and Brendan Foster among them, who struggled at the championships but went on to make their mark internationally. "The success we have enjoyed in British athletics in recent years has not surprised me because I have seen it coming through the schools," Dickinson said. "It doesn't necessarily mean that those that win this year will go on to international honours, but you have got to be good to reach these finals."

To reach Hull on July 10 and 11, athletes must qualify through district and county competitions and entries per county are based on school populations. Each competitor must also reach the qualifying standard.

Ellesmere College, Shropshire, has high hopes of Emily Steele, who is trained by David Otley, the javelin silver medal winner at the 1984

Olympic Games. Steele has won English schools titles at junior and intermediate level and last month took the Welsh senior title.

One of the problems for the senior schools athletes is finding fixtures, as state schools are particularly strong in athletics but tend not to compete on Saturdays.

Public schools have their own event, the Independent Schools championship, which will be held this year at Cophall, Hendon, on June 25 and 26. Some 900 athletes will compete for trophies supplied by London athletics club.

Orlando de Fleming, an all-rounder, took time off from revision at Exeter School to play for Devon in their two-day match against Cheshire at Torquay. Le Fleming, picked mainly for his fast-medium seam bowling, is already being tracked by one first class county.

Making his first appearance four weeks before his sixteenth birthday, he becomes the second youngest player to appear for Devon, following Mike Garmham, who went on to win a county championship as a wicketkeeper for Essex.

He said: "I hope that my bowling is still getting better and I hope to go on to play first class cricket. Glamorgan have been looking at me and I have been coached by the former Somerset spinner, Dennis Breakwell."

RESULTS: Cricket: Marnough MCC 211-5 dec, Marnough 188-6 (M Mallett 110 not out).

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Grass-court craftsman has his day

Becker's practice schedule upset by van Rensburg

BY ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

IF BORIS Becker thought that his troubles would end the moment he stepped back on to his beloved grass, he was jolted back to reality by the aging skills of Christo van Rensburg at Queen's yesterday. In his first match on grass since the Wimbledon final last year, Becker was beaten 6-4, 6-3 in the second round by the South African.

Unless he decides to change his plans, Becker will go into Wimbledon with just one competitive match in five weeks. The defeat, only his third in 28 matches at Queen's, leaves Becker's traditional schedule in disarray and there must now be an outside chance that the three-times Wimbledon champion will go to the Manchester Open in a desperate attempt to get practice.

This was always going to be a tough task for Becker, who had not played since losing 6-1, 6-1 to Michael Stich on clay in Hamburg, after pulling out of the French Open with a thigh injury. Van Rensburg, aged 29, is a grass-court craftsman who has twice reached the last 16 at Wimbledon. Two years ago he ended Pete Sampras's hopes in the first round, and he reached the final at Beckenham last week.

Becker seemed to sense the mood of foreboding on a dank afternoon. His legs were as leaden as the skies and his temper rumbled as loud as

the thunder. Time and again, he was left flat on his face, though constant complaints to the umpire, Kim Craven, about the slippery conditions brought no reward. In the middle of the third set, Becker summoned the tournament referee and the ATP supervisor, but neither could help Becker's increasingly forlorn cause.

Van Rensburg's annoying tendency to abort his service action in mid-stroke further heightened Becker's frustration. It was clear all was not well early in the first set as Becker strummed the baseline, muttering darkly to himself and looking accusingly at the best grass-court in the country. He would have done better to turn his attention to van Rensburg, whose returns had Becker under constant pressure at the net. Two back-



Van Rensburg: surprise

hand volley errors gave the South African the break he needed to take the first set, though a long break for rain prolonged Becker's agony as he served for the set.

Two more breaks early in the second set sealed Becker's fate, and when he overhit two forehand volleys, one wide, the other long, van Rensburg's first victory over Becker was complete.

"I have waited a long time to play him on grass and when the moment came it all just fitted together," van Rensburg said. "It doesn't matter whether you are Boris Becker or ranked 200, if you are short of match practice, you're not going to be that sharp or that confident."

The smart alert of the day was Goran Ivanisevic, who took full advantage of the one patch of unbroken sunshine to dispose of Sandoz Stolle in straight sets. The Croat's last match on grass, a defeat by Nick Brown on court 13 at Wimbledon, was markedly less successful, but the horror of that defeat has clearly left its mark on the left-hander, who is a live outsider for the championships. "This year I am not talking about anything. I am just a normal guy, like the other 128 in the draw. I put too much pressure on myself last year," he said.

RESULTS: First round: P. Foch (F) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 P. McEnroe (US) 6-4, 7-6, 6-2; Second round: G. Ivanisevic (C) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; C. van Rensburg (SA) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.



Early slip-up: Becker reaches for a backhand volley on his way to defeat

GOLF

Curtis Cup rivals return to do their level best

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

AMY Fruwirth, the United States women's amateur champion, found the Curtis Cup a trifle baffling last week. She felt she had played well for little return and yesterday, in the first round of the British women's championship at Saunton, she clicked back into the old strokeplay routine with a first qualifying round of 73, two under par.

That left her tied for second place, alongside Nikki Buxton, the Yorkshire champion, one shot behind Delphine Bourson, of France.

Buxton played only one match at Hoylake but at least her Curtis Cup debut was redeemed by being on the winning side. "I wanted to play more than one match," she said, "but I was in the team and that meant a lot. I enjoyed watching the others and the finish, but there was a lot of pressure. There's no pressure on me this week."

She started as though she had been launched from a catapult, with five birdies in the first seven holes. A rash of three-putts halted her progress, and she was only one under after 14 holes. At the 15th, however, she hit a three-wood to 30 feet and holed the putt for an eagle three, before dropping another shot at the 18th.

Fruwirth intends defending her US title before turning professional, but Buxton, who finished a degree course in sports management and international trade in Paris two weeks ago, has no such ambitions. "I'm starting work in a law advisory company in October," she said. "I

think it's different playing for money. I play for fun."

On a glorious golfing day, Boursion came home in 33, four under par, but that inward half was bettered by Janice Moodie, the Scottish champion, who came home in 31 for a 74. Out in 43, five over, Moodie suddenly found her putting touch and only wished she had had a front nine like Buxton's. Combining the two would have produced a little matter of 65, ten under.

The Curtis Cup foursomes firm of 'all in' all had mixed fortunes.

Julie Hall, the senior partner, managed a 76, despite having no clue where the ball was going. She had torn one of her contact lenses and was playing blind, almost literally. "Where's it gone, Dad?" was her most frequent remark (her eagle-eyed father is her caddy). She is having a new lens ferried over from Felixstowe, where her long-suffering optician holds one permanently in stock, for this morning. Caroline Hall, the last-hole heroine at Hoylake, struggled with her putter and shot 82.

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England party undeterred by recent misfortunes as they go into their opening European championship match

Taylor certain of winning start

FROM STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN MALMÖ

THE preparatory work has been wrecked but Graham Taylor, the England manager, is clinging to his natural optimism. The shortest sentence in his typically loquacious preview of his team's opening European football championship tie, against Denmark here tonight, encapsulated his approach. "I expect to win," he said yesterday.

If England do, it will be against the odds. Since Taylor announced his squad three weeks ago, it seems that fate has been constantly moving the goal posts.

The initial change concerned the identity of the opposition. Instead of working out how to counter the individual brilliance of the Yugoslavs, Taylor belatedly had to find ways of unravelling the more compact Danes. No sooner had the script been rewritten than the cast he assembled for a dress rehearsal against Finland in Helsinki was broken up.

John Barnes and Mark Wright, vital parts of Taylor's plans for a progressive sweeper formation in Sweden, and his lone right back, Gary Stevens, all sustained injuries. Barnes and Stevens so severely that they had to be withdrawn from the European



Today
Group one
Denmark v England
(Malmö, 7.15)
Tomorrow
Group two
Netherlands v Scotland
(Gothenburg, 4.15)
CIS v Germany
(Norwäpling, 7.15)

an championship squad. Wright is unavailable today. Although his strategy has been potentially reduced to a chaotic shambles, Taylor insists that his party's spirits are good. "There is a steady and quiet determination to do well," he said. "Let me do the worrying, that is what I get paid for. Sit back and enjoy it. Put your feet up in front of the television and have a good time."

Yet to fulfil his expectations, England will require perhaps more than a touch of fortune, even if, by now, they deserve it. As Bobby Robson's side discovered in Germany four years ago, defeat in the first game can lead not only to elimination but also to a débâcle. Then, England had been seen as possible champions. No such predictions

can reasonably be made this time.

It is likely that Taylor will retain the system and the remaining personnel employed in Helsinki. With minimum fuss, he could replace Stevens with Keith Curle, Wright with Carlton Palmer and Barnes with Paul Merson. The complications from attempting any other shuffle might be counter-productive.

The loyalty of one of Denmark's central defenders may be divided. Kent Nielsen, bought from Brøndby to Aston Villa by Taylor for £500,000 three years ago and made to feel at home in Birmingham, has reciprocated the friendly arrangement.

Last night Taylor's wife, Rita, stayed in Copenhagen as the guest of Nielsen's wife, Karin, who is expecting her first child next month. The pair will cross the sea to Malmö together to join the crowd in the stadium here this evening. Nielsen will not be the only familiar face in the opposition. John Sivebaek was a player at Old Trafford and Peter Schmeichel, the giant goalkeeper, still is.

Brian Laudrup could be irritatingly recognisable by the end of the night. Like his elder brother at Barcelona, he lurks behind the front two. The responsibility for smothering his contribution may be left to Carlton Palmer.

Taylor says that he has designed a side which, if it does not win, will be "hard for the Danes to beat". They have not done so since 1983, when their lone goal at Wembley effectively knocked England out of contention for the European championship finals.

Denmark's scourge recently has been Gary Lineker. He has scored both times he has played against them, in 1989 and 1990. If he maintains his average, he will at last claim the goal he needs to equal Bobby Charlton's record of 49.

Lineker habitually rises to big occasions and, for Taylor in particular, the occasion is the biggest of his managerial career. He claims to be less nervous now than when he started to learn the trade amid the more humble surroundings of Scunthorpe two decades ago.

In August, Taylor will take part in a meeting with the coaches of the seven other teams in Sweden for a summit meeting in Paris to discuss the tournament. "If we struggle," he said, "I hope I stay in the job long enough to go there."



Mission improbable: Palmer prepares yesterday for an unlikely assignment

Scotland at full strength for Dutch match

FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN GOTHENBURG

FOR once before a crucial fixture, Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, will be able to choose from a squad unrestricted by injury when he names his team to play Holland in the first European championship group two match here tomorrow.

After a thorough training session yesterday, Roxburgh was satisfied that Maurice Malpas had overcome the Achilles tendon damage sustained against Norway last week and that Pat Nevin was showing no further effects of the badly bruised ankle he suffered against the United States.

"The doctor and the physios are happy," Roxburgh said yesterday. "So we are in a position where we can actually sit down and make plans for our game with the Dutch on Friday. Of course, you must remember that we had lost almost a full team through injury before we got here, so our present position must be seen in that light."

"The aim now will be to put together what I would call Plan One, the tactics we have always hoped we would be able to employ against Holland but which depend on who we have available. We know all about the Dutch team and we're happy with our own organisation and structure."

Scotland must also be heartened by the news that a groin injury may prevent Frank Rijkaard from playing for the defending champions, though in any case Roxburgh has refused to be intimidated by the apparent strength of the Dutch team.

His confidence was reinforced yesterday by help from an unexpected source. The

French, who played Holland last week in a warm-up match watched by Roxburgh, have supplied types of the fixture and of the Dutch victory over Austria a few weeks ago.

"We're particularly interested in that match," Roxburgh said. "Because although Holland won 3-2 the Austrians exposed them rather a lot and scored two goals that night."

"Craig Brown [Roxburgh's assistant] and I spent a lot of time yesterday watching the tape and therefore we know what we're dealing with and it's now just a matter of making one or two final decisions. We also saw them play against Portugal earlier this year when Portugal won 2-0 and won easily."

"Certainly Gullit and van Basten weren't playing on that occasion but it did show that they could be vulnerable. Myths grow up around some teams and although the Dutch undoubtedly have quality, play with adventure and even have the best manager in the world at the moment, they're not invincible."

Rinus Michels, the Dutch coach, also had encouraging words for the Scots. "I think the critics of Scotland have got it wrong," he said. "I don't think any of the eight sides would be here if they were not good. Scotland are better than they are given credit for."

Scotland will have to be mindful of the warm weather. "Our boys actually enjoyed the conditions at training," Roxburgh said. "Although it was warm there was also a breeze. I would be quite happy if conditions were like this when we go out to play on Friday."

Managers go in search of talent

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GEORGE Graham, of Arsenal, and Peter Reid, of Manchester City, are among a group of Premier League managers at the European championships, watching the cream of Europe's footballing talent and perhaps lining up some top-class signings.

However, the managers who took their teams to the top three places in the first division last season, Howard Wilkinson, Alex Ferguson and Trevor Francis, will be on family holidays instead.

Reid, who left for Sweden yesterday, said: "I'm going there to observe, look, learn and possibly buy." Dave Bassett, of Sheffield United, has an eye on the highly-rated Sweden defender, Jan Eriksson, and Ian Branfoot, of Southampton, is on the trail of Eriksson's international colleague, Joakim Nilsson.

Graham, who signed the Swede, Anders Limpar, after the 1990 World Cup finals, has already been linked with a series of continental targets and looks certain to be hunting more talent to bolster Arsenal's challenge for the Premier League.

Gerry Francis, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, will watch the championships on television at home in Berkshire. "I'd love to go but to be honest I really need a break," he said. "It was a long, hard season and there's probably an even tougher one coming up."

The Crystal Palace manager, Steve Coppell, and his chief coach, Alan Smith, flew

to Sweden on Tuesday. Smith said: "We are going to look at six matches, with particular interest in Holland and the CIS, but the chance to study different styles of play rather than looking to sign players is the main object."

Ron Atkinson, of Aston Villa, is in Sweden as part of the ITV commentary team; the Tottenham chief executive, Terry Venables, will feature on the BBC panel of experts based in London.

The former England goalkeeper, Ray Clemence, who will share team-manager duties with Doug Livermore under Venables at Spurs next season, will be in Sweden in his role with BBC Radio.

Venables said: "I've asked Ray to keep his ear to the ground for us while he's there but really I don't think you can beat the view you get from the television coverage. I'll be able to take in two matches on most days and with Ray on the spot, I can't see there is any need for me to be out in Sweden as well."

The Liverpool manager, Graeme Souness, and Howard Kendall, of Everton, have announced no plans to view the championships first hand, nor has Kenny Dalglish, of promoted Blackburn Rovers, but Ian Porterfield, of Chelsea, will probably go to the first-phase matches.

In *The Times* tomorrow, there is the chance to win a luxury day out for two at the British grand prix at Silverstone next month

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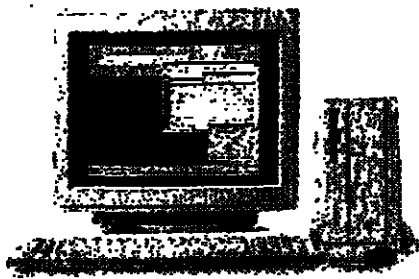
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Palmer sweeps to fore

FROM STUART JONES

CARLTON Palmer was the most unpredictable inclusion in England's European championship squad. He may not only be picked for the opening tie tonight, but in a role which is foreign to him.

For six years, Palmer was a central defender at West Bromwich Albion, until he broke a collarbone. By the time he had recovered, Ron Atkinson had bought a couple of replacements at the back. Palmer was advised by his manager to try playing in midfield. The move was so successful that Atkinson,

once he had taken over at Sheffield Wednesday, bought Palmer for £750,000.

He developed so quickly that last season he was selected for the England B team, where he caught the eye of Michel Platini, the manager of France, at Loftus Road.

Against Czechoslovakia, he was considered to be the man of the match by Graham Taylor, who elevated him into the senior team against the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Although Palmer's promotion was based on his perfor-

mances as a spare central defender, he made three successive appearances in midfield. Because of the withdrawal of Mark Wright, he is expected to act like a sweeper against Denmark tonight.

The play is a dangerous gamble, but Palmer would relish the opportunity. His style is similar to that of Nobby Stiles, his youth team coach at West Bromwich, and his attitude is equally and refreshingly simple.

"Football is there to be enjoyed," he said, "so I never worry about it. If you are not good enough at whatever level you play, then you will be found out."

Wright arrived here last night in a belated attempt to spare his country from being numerically weakened during the championship. He is to see the UEFA doctor this morning. Only if his Achilles tendon injury is officially considered serious enough to prevent him from taking any part in the tournament will England be able to apply for a substitute, who will be Tony Adams.

So far, one Briton on the blacklist given to Sweden has been deported, and two others have been arrested here on suspicion of passing forged British banknotes.

Followers decrease in Malmö

Malmö: England will be watched by only about 3,500 followers in their opening match of the European championship tonight, the smallest support for the final stages of any important football tournament on the continent for more than 20 years (John Goodbody writes).

With more than 6,000 trouble-makers on the FA blacklist barred from buying tickets officially for the game against Denmark, there have been surprisingly few genuine supporters prepared to make the trip.

Pat Smith, the FA's administration manager, yesterday gave three reasons for the low numbers: the cost of living in Sweden; the recession in England; and the association's efforts to permit only the real enthusiasts to attend.

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Kent reach Lord's

KENT, who have not won a cricket trophy for 14 years, will have a fine chance to restore some glory when they meet Hampshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's on July 11. Kent made hard work of reaching a modest target of 199 to beat Surrey at Canterbury yesterday, getting home with two wickets and one ball to spare.

Kent were in command for much of the match after their opening bowlers, Igglesden and Ealham, bowled through and reduced Surrey to 41 for

four. However, after reaching 102 for two, with Hooper making 50, they lost wickets at regular intervals before Davis and McCague saw them to victory.

Hampshire beat Somerset more comfortably at Southampton. Chasing 219, they won by six wickets in the penultimate over, Terry making an unbeaten 89. Smith 44 and Gower 42. Rose was top scorer in Somerset's total of 218 for eight, with 65.

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Determined Durie holds her nerve

BY BARRY WOOD

JO Durie reached the third round of the Dow Classic at Edgbaston yesterday by defeating Betsy Nagelsen 6-3, 6-4.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Durie's performance was the manner in which she handled the pressure. In the first set, having won the opening 12 points of the match and leading 3-1, she found herself 40-0 down on her service.

Yet she prevented Nagelsen

from breaking back and then at 4-1 in the second set, she saved two more break points with a couple of superb services, one an ace.

After netting a forehand at match point in the next game, the British No. 1 then found herself involved in a struggle to end the match. Nagelsen held her service, broke Durie, held again for 5-4 and then led 30-0 on Durie's service.

But where once she would have tightened up and her game would have collapsed,

Durie held her nerve and recovered to claim victory.

With no outstanding favourite, although the top seed, Zina Garrison, is a former Wimbledon finalist, Durie was asked whether she had a chance of becoming the first British player to take the title.

"It's quite open, but I don't know whether I can win it," she said. "On the day I'd have a good chance against anybody on this surface, especially if my serve is going well. But it's a question of consistency."

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How is this mighty city fallen

From 1800 to 1840 London was a place of beauty and optimism. Richard Cork visits a huge German exhibition which makes the contrast with today all too stark

Now that the calamity of Canary Wharf hangs over London like an epitaph, we need a tonic reminder of the metropolis at its invigorating zenith. But when exactly did London flourish with the greatest magnificence? Many would plump for the Victorian era, when imperial power and industrial prowess combined with Prince Albert's cultural crusading to generate a formidable sense of ascendancy. Others might prefer the age of Gainsborough and Reynolds, when British portraiture swagged alongside the prodigious flowering of science and a poised, utterly coherent architecture.

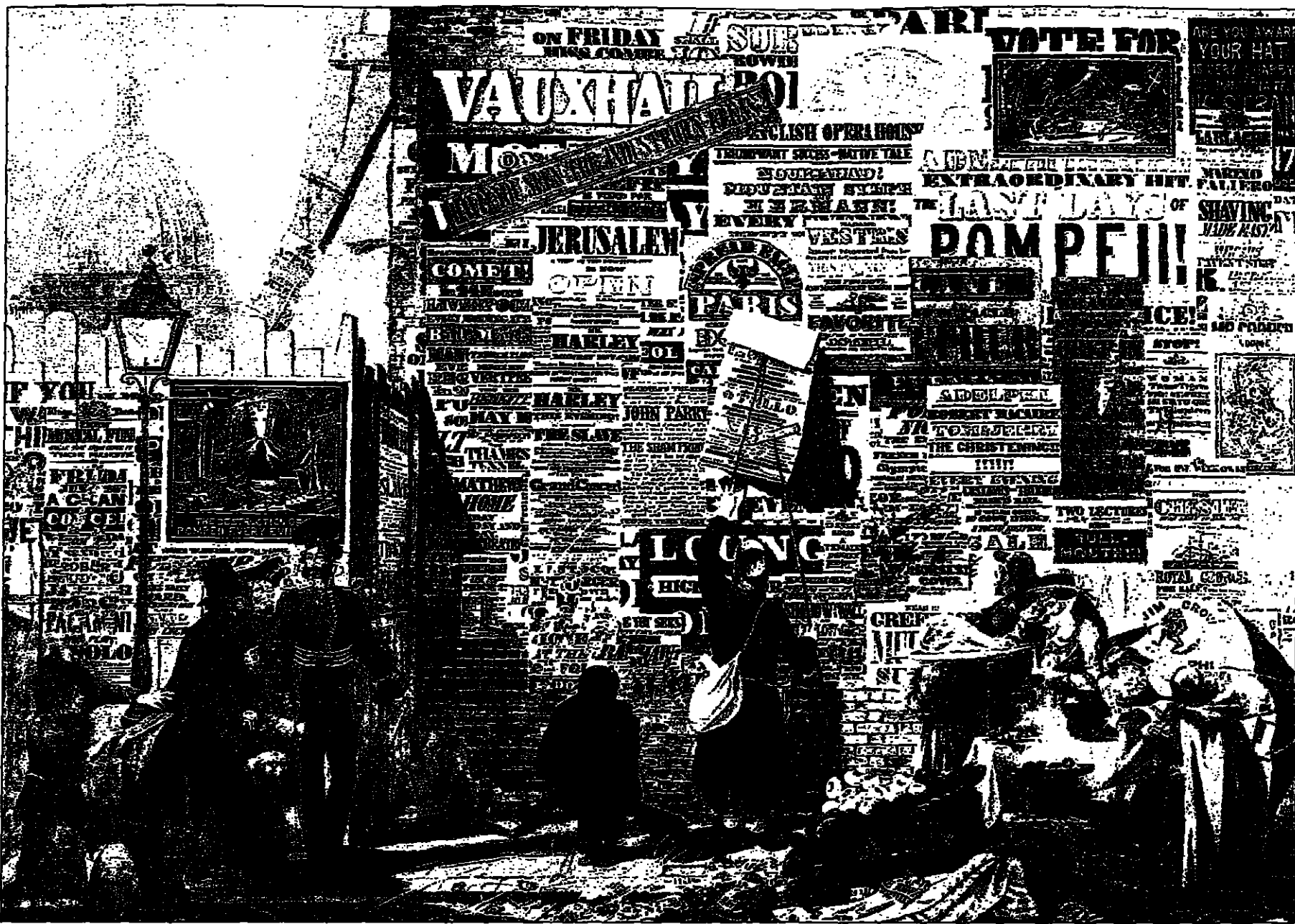
A magisterial, entertaining and hugely ambitious exhibition now at the Villa Hügel in Essen chooses, perhaps controversially, the period in between. Aided by the biggest array of our national treasures ever lent to Germany, the 700-exhibit epic highlights London's extraordinarily dynamic growth between 1800 and 1840. No such comprehensive survey of this hitherto neglected era has ever been mounted before, and the result deserves to be explored even by those who imagine they know the subject well.

'The Times' appears, in John Doyle's lithograph, chained to the nose of John Bull'

The setting for this enterprise, staged under the joint patronage of the Queen and the German President Richard von Weizsäcker, could hardly be more ironic. For the Villa Hügel was built as a country house by none other than the great industrialist Alfred Krupp. Presiding over resplendent parks and woodland in the hills overlooking a lush stretch of the Ruhr valley, his baronial residence opened its doors to monarchs, emperors and — during two of the present century's darkest moments — German leaders bent on the subjugation of Britain.

To celebrate London in such a context, where the overbearing rooms still possess a dour and frankly oppressive aura, seems tantamount to an act of reparation. But how can the essence of the metropolis best be conveyed to the German visitor? The working party of museum experts who tackled this awesome brief decided to opt for boldness and inclusivity. Headed by the indefatigable Celina Fox at the Museum of London, they aimed at a dizzyingly comprehensive panorama of the city at a time of spectacular transformation. The reckless extravagance of the Regency period gave way to the democratic challenge of Reform. Emerging triumphantly from the Napoleonic wars, the British capital underwent a sudden expansion that made it the largest, wealthiest and most potent city anywhere in the world.

Looking at Turner's painting on the cover of the 600-page catalogue, we are entitled to feel both nostalgic and angry. Proudly called *London*, the canvas places Wren's great Royal Naval Hospital at Greenwich in the centre of the composition. Beyond, Turner leads us round the undulating course of the sail-bedecked Thames towards a beguiling horizon. For there, punctuated by steeples of the city churches, the distant mist is decisively ousted as St Paul's rears above the scene. The reciprocity between the cathedral dome and the twin-domed hospital in the foreground is captivating.



Typographical frenzy: A London Street Scene 1835, a watercolour by John Orlando Parry, is on show in Metropole London at the Villa Hügel, Essen, until November 7

Roman ruin open to the sky. The conceit proved all too prophetic. By the late 1930s Soane's labyrinthine masterpiece was indeed destroyed, and in the same decade a similar death-sentence was inflicted on the other great architectural tour de force of the age.

John Nash's audacious reshaping of central London's streets, which proceeded in an unbroken sequence from Regent's Park to The Mall, was largely demolished. The images on view here reveal just how much was lost, including the curved colonnade of The Quadrant providing elegant shelter for pedestrians as they made their way south to Piccadilly Circus. But at least the outline of Nash's grand plan is preserved today, along with his parkland terraces and the "peppercorns" still stubbornly surviving in The Strand.

Nothing could stop the ebullient enlargement of London, even as far as the Paragon terrace in Blackheath. In 1811 John Linnell could still paint a large picture of the gravel-pits of Kensington, where labourers shovel and carry in a landscape innocent of streets and squares. By 1829, though, George Cruikshank produced a cheerfully apocalyptic print called *London goes out of Town*, or *The March of Bricks and Mortar*. Like an imperial army on the move, building materials invaded the countryside in unstoppable battalions. They showered the meadows with bursts of brick missiles coated in fresh cement.

Scientific advance was just as irresistible. Succeeding rooms show that, while Clarkson Stanfield was painting his festive tribute to the engineering *elan* of New London Bridge, the hobby horse bicycle and Trevithick's steam locomotive helped to revolutionise the possibilities of urban transport. The tireless Cruikshank used the hobby horse to mock the obesity of Prunty and his roly-poly mistress Lady Hertford, while the 1808 model for Trevithick's invention looks deceptively toy-town. But their implications were boundless, and Benjamin Schick's intriguing 1820 design for a tunnel under the Thames anticipates our current attempts to burrow beneath the English Channel.

As the show progresses, it suffers from a strange unwillingness to give science enough prominence. The seminal experiments conducted by Faraday and Davy are crammed, along with much else, into a surprisingly small room. Maybe the organisers were afraid of boring the visitor with an overdose of diagrams, induction rings and little machines.

They certainly look subdued in relation to the splendid selection of watercolourists working in London. Coman's redoubtable *Durham Cathedral* appears to grow, rock-like, out of the crags below. As the Romantic impulse gathers force, this stasis is replaced by the visionary fervour of a Palmer cornfield. Blake's hallucinatory Dante illustrations and the little-known George Fennel Robson finding sublimity as well as menace in his brooding view of Loch

Coruisk on the Isle of Skye. The same eye for the unfamiliar freshens the large room devoted to painting. As well as giving rightful pride of place to the bustling dynamism of Constable's *Leaping Horse* and Turner's exalted Claudian tribute to Richmond Hill, space is found for Eastlake's modest yet delightful view of a mellow Colosseum. John Martin's protomillennium panorama of Joshua commanding the sun to stand still bursts with production values and special effects. Landseer, who veered between extremes of brutality and sentimentality, exploits the hound-harried death agonies of deer in his gruesome *Chevy Chase* hunting scene. And Ery was never more lubricious than in his pin-up *Diploma* painting of a sleeping nymph unveiled by randy sailors. But I preferred the unexpected intensity of Hazlitt's commanding little self-portrait in a room given over to essayists and poets.

The *Times* appears, in John Doyle's lithograph, chained to the nose of John Bull as he blathers: "What a glorious thing it is to enjoy the liberty and independence of an Englishman." And the heyday of the street advertisement is unforgettable depicted in John Orlando Parry's skilful watercolour. Working like a collage artist *avant la lettre*, he shows how a city wall propped up by a demolisher's joist becomes festooned with a cornucopia of posters and stickers. The typographical frenzy boasts attractions as pathetic as "The Destruction of Pompeii Every Evening", and asks: "Have You

Seen The Industrious Fleas?" Behind all the levity, and the wretched penny defined with monumental compassion in Géricault's lithographs of beggars and vagrants, lies the gathering momentum of the Reform Bill. Haydon catches it subtly, showing two dandified, sherry-quaffing young men waiting in tense expectation for the report in *The Times*. But the sheer adrenalin of the event is conveyed most engagingly in an outside handkerchief, where zealous reformers are depicted hacking down the tree of Rotten Boroughs with gleeful excitement.

Above all, though, the drama of change is captured by the finest painting in the show. Rounding the corner into a final room, we are delivered the pictorial equivalent of a knockout blow by Turner's bravura scene of Parliament burning down in October 1834. Consumed by an inferno hurling incandescent fragments high in the night sky, the Lords and Commons both expire. Crowds on the Embankment and a ghostly Westminster Bridge are caught between fire and moonlight, while a solitary gas-lamp flares in the foreground. Funeral barges suggest the sadness of the event. But Turner's imagination is aflame with the ending of an old order, and the ferocious heralding of a new world to come.

TOMORROW

Valerie Grove on private life and public strife

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PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond on commonsense advice for the lovelorn



to go with it. I passed the books across. "I think that probably covers all bases," I said sheepishly. "Yes," she said. "From the sublime to the ridiculous." "Actually," I said, "This is research." "Yes," she said. "Of course it is." And then she said the thing that every journalist with a picture byline longs to hear.

"You're John Diamond aren't you? The journalist." I laughed, lightly. I would have preferred "John Diamond, the writer", but what the hell. "Well yes, actually I am." Thank God! She knows that I'm not buying it for me! She knows that I am the well-balanced, healthy libidinal character I seem to be, and that I happen to write about sexual matters in one of the world's most respectable papers. "So of course you'll understand," I said, "why I'm getting the book." "Not really," she said. "Why?" It turned out that the only piece she'd seen of mine was about buying suits in Savile Row. I started to explain about this column, but the more I said the more likely it sounded that I was worried about the milkman, or wearing socks in bed.

And for all that there aren't even any tips I can pass on to you. But then, as I left the shop it occurred to me that there never really could be. According to the book's blurb this is just the latest in a series of numerous works on the subject by Dr Ruth and given the woman's speciality any book after the first would have been one book too many. When I discovered the facts of life I had as much trouble coping with the fact that they applied to my

parents as well as any child, but I have since accepted that people who are older than me or less than obviously sex-crazed do in fact have a sex life. I accept that for all her chubbiness and her diminutiveness and her throaty vowel sounds there is someone close to her who is delighted to have Dr Ruth turn academic theory into ecstatic practice.

But I can't in all honesty believe that Dr Ruth knows things now that she didn't know when she wrote *Dr Ruth's Guide to Good Sex* or *Dr Ruth's Guide for Married Lovers*. Given that I can't believe that her discovery that taking a bubble bath aids romance is a new one, I can only assume that she either held the information back from the earlier books or that it appears there in some subtly different form.

And if this information is so banal that it can be shovelled around from book to book in this way, it follows that if you sit and think about the subject for more than ten minutes you'll come to most of the same commonsense conclusions that Dr Ruth comes to, and that you won't need her book. I only wish I'd had that realisation before I picked the damned thing up and paraded myself as a trainee lecher in the bookshop.

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Cinema: David Robinson reviews *Straight Talk* and *Johnny Suede*, and previews an NFT season by the other DeMille

Fairy-tale with a ring of truth

Horses for courses, and *Straight Talk* (Odeon Kensington, West End, UCI Whiteleys and on release) is a track that demands a particular kind of speed, to judge from the odd results of racing James Woods and Dolly Parton in tandem. Since Craig Bolotin's script is partly lifted from *Mr Deeds Goes to Town*, this is presumably a perfectly conscious revival of the Frank Capra style of American fairy-tale.

Here, intact, is Capra's unashamed sentiment, unjustified optimism, and foolish faith in the good will and good sense of the little people of America — which is of course where Dolly Parton comes in. She plays Shirlee, a divorcee from Arkansas who arrives to seek her fortune in Chicago.

Adrift in a studio, she is mistaken for the new radio psychologist. Needless to say, her homespun wisdom, bawdy wit and the aphorisms bequeathed by her of daddy make her the toast of Chicago — until the inevitable clash between her country ethics and the cynicism of the media business.

James Woods is the Mr Deeds element of the story: a newsman who sets out to do an exposé interview, but instead falls in love. Intelligent and critical as an actor he is, Woods is clearly uneasy with this mechanically contrived vehicle.

Dolly Parton on the other hand gets away with it triumphantly, persuading her audience to absolute belief in the story, the sentiment and herself. The role is clearly her own life: the poor Tennessee farm girl who never let the big time make her desert her roots. In real life she is a mistress of the aphorism (on herself: "You have no idea how much it costs to look this cheap.") When she tells a sanctimoniously suffering caller, "Come down off the cross, honey. Someone else needs the wood," she speaks with her own voice.

Sometimes it is hard to disentangle the artist from the media flurry around her illnesses, operations and fascinating physique. Yet as an actress, Dolly Parton's magnetism and impregnable sincerity more than compensate for limited technical range. However fixed the smile, her eyes under their heavy lids reflect the constant shifts of genuine feeling.

She has the gift of making her audience feel and believe with her — even in such a questionable piece as this. The same belief imbues her singing: and those scenes which are

underlaid and commented with original Parton songs have a different quality from those where Brad Pitt's gummy musical score compounds the excesses of sentiment.

The film was directed, with a theatre man's appreciation of character players like Griffin Dunne and Philip Bosco, by Barnett Kellman.

Johnny Suede (Lumière, Chelsea Cinema, Camden Plaza, MGM Oxford Street, Gate Notting Hill) is another contemporary American fairy-tale. Johnny is a dreamy youth living alone in an urban slum. When a pair of suede shoes fall from nowhere and hit him on the head, he seizes upon them as a talisman and portent.

'Dolly Parton's impregnable sincerity more than compensates for her limited technical range'

Adopting the name of Johnny Suede, and a pompadour hair-do, he determines to be a pop star in the mould of the Fifties singer Ricky Nelson. Johnny sweetly disregards the drawback that he is no singer, and that his backing group, the Persuaders (sic), are equally tone-deaf.

But then, Johnny has little contact with reality of any sort. His persistent daydreams keep him from even noticing the privation of the slum room he shares with his pet lizard, or the crumbling desolation of the streets around. (The film was shot in New York, but could be the no-man's-land of any modern metropolis.) The rest of the film traces Johnny's journey of discovery that life, love and women are not quite like Ricky Nelson ballads.

As conceived by writer-director Tom DiCillo (who first performed *Johnny Suede* as a one-man stage show) and played by Brad Pitt, Johnny is a comic, vulnerable, very contemporary character. He is the archetypal loner in bedlam.

The devastating innocence and virginity beneath his streetwise swagger are symbolised by the holed

and drooping underclothes exposed when he takes off his flash street gear. Pitt, a striking young actor who played the hitch-hiker seducer in *Thelma and Louise*, effectively catches Johnny's absurdity, dumb cunning and unselfconscious sensuality.

DiCillo previously worked as cameraman for Jim Jarmusch on *Permanent Vacation* and *Stranger Than Paradise*. This directorial debut reveals something of the Jarmusch influence in the indulgent dawdle of the narrative, the oddball characters, the occasional Buñuellesque surrealism of Johnny's daydreams, the affectionate mockery with which DiCillo views his creatures, and the overall, irresistible amiability.

A very different America, of 70 years ago, is recaptured in the films of William C. DeMille, which can be seen this month at the National Film Theatre. William was the father of the dancer-choreographer Agnes DeMille. His younger brother, Cecil B. DeMille (who always capitalised his "De") remains a Hollywood legend for his biblical epics, with their potent mixture of sex, blood and religion. William's quieter, more sophisticated films have been forgotten and physically destroyed: barely one fifth of his total output of 50 pictures survive.

The sons of a distinguished playwright, the brothers had already made careers as actors and authors in the turn-of-the-century New York theatre before they moved to California and the movies. In the theatre William had insisted that plays should be accessible, universal in emotional appeal, and visual.

Adapting these principles to the silent screen, he determined "to work entirely for the eye, disregard the ear". The cinema must learn from the theatre, he wrote, "integral dramatic construction, psychology, sense of character — in short, verisimilitude".

In his concern for truthful acting, DeMille used methods that were even then unconventional. To aid his players he shot his films in strict continuity, rather than the conventional jig-saw method; and used several cameras, shooting close-ups and long shots together.

His films exemplify the silent cinema's ability to express sentiment and mood. Those concerned with marital relations have at times an erotic sophistication remarkable for

Telling it like it is: Dolly Parton takes to the radio airwaves in *Straight Talk*

the period in which they were made.

Conrad in Search of his Youth (June 15) mingles comedy and sentiment, sometimes awkwardly, in a perceptive story of an English officer returning home from service in India and trying vainly to recapture the sentiments of his youth. Demonstrating DeMille's versatili-

ty, *The Bedroom Window* (June 17) is a brisk mystery story, anticipating Miss Marple with its feisty lady crime novelist who fearlessly unmasks the murderer.

Unlike most directors of silent films, DeMille welcomed talking pictures. Unfortunately the courtesy was not reciprocated. Two of his best

sound films — *Passion Flower* (June 22) and *His Double Life* (June 24), a comedy skilfully played by Lillian Gish and Roland Young — can be seen in the NFT season. After a few more essays, however, DeMille retired from the studios to end his days lecturing on drama at the University of Southern California.

ARTS BRIEF

Caine raised

NOT a lot of people know this, but Michael Caine is to become a muppet. He will play the part of Scrooge in a new full-length musical feature film called *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, being filmed this summer in time for Christmas release. "It's an honour and a privilege to finally work with Miss Piggy," said the actor. Brian Henson, son of the late Jim Henson, who created The Muppets, will direct the Dickens adaptation. Kermit the Frog plays Bob Cratchit.

Country music

A BIG rock concert to mark the 50th anniversary of Oxford is going ahead in the Midwestern Hills, despite the recent outcry caused by the travellers and ravers who camped on nearby Castle-morton Common. "Oxfam '92 — Music for a Fairer World" will be held on Saturday, September 5 at Eastmor Castle. Headlining the bill will be The Cure, supported by The Levellers, Alison Moyet and The Farm. The concert will continue until 1am.

Handel unmasked

A LIFE mask claimed as being of Handel has been found in an English cottage. It was in a suitcase unopened since 1949. The mask is said to be by Roubiliac, made in preparation for his famous statue of the composer in the Victoria and Albert Museum. It will be on show, along with the autograph manuscript of *Messiah*, in an exhibition marking the 250th anniversary of *Messiah*, at Pallant House Gallery in Chichester, Sussex, from June 30 to September 19.

Last chance...

AFTER several years in the doldrums, New Orleans is returning to its rightful place at the forefront of American jazz and popular music. No group does more to promote the city's *joie de vivre* than the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, a group of young musicians (eight, despite their name) who bring the spirit of the Mardi Gras to R&B and modern dance tunes. Their tour ends with performances at St George's Hall, Liverpool, tonight (051-227-5646), the Coal Exchange, Bute Street, Cardiff on Saturday and Newcastle Playhouse (091-232 7079) on Sunday.

Profile up and age down

David Barrie, the new head of the National Art Collections Fund, puts Simon Tait in the picture

At the age of 38 David Barrie has become director of one of our more venerable institutions, the 89-year-old National Art Collections Fund. He is the great-great-nephew of J.M. Barrie, and it is indeed tempting to see him as a Peter Pan of the art world, zooming about with boyish energy.

But he certainly has an adult job to do. On behalf of British public institutions the NACF buys art that is often already sold at auction, but for which the export licence has been delayed because of its importance to the heritage. It has made many notable interventions: a Vuillard, Tintoretto and a Poussin are among recent acquisitions. Holbein's *Lady with a Squirrel* was acquired for the National Gallery with the help of £250,000 from the fund and earlier this year the National Portrait Gallery mounted a show of 65 portraits purchased for British galleries with NACF help.

The NACF has encouraged corporate businesses to become art philanthropists and then to cooperate with public galleries in showing their purchases. It has, of course, also had its disappointments: most recently the Badminton Cabinet went into foreign ownership despite the NACF's strenuous efforts.

Barrie became director of it last week on the retirement of Sir Peter Wakefield, the fund's first ever full-time director. When Wakefield, a former

David Barrie with Holbein's *A Lady with a Squirrel and Starling*

British ambassador in Brussels, took over in 1982 he found a more or less moribund organisation with about 10,000 stalwart members across the country. The membership has more than trebled since then — and, thanks to bequests, a £17 million endowment fund has been created.

Barrie has also tasted the diplomatic life, though he had already left the Foreign Office on secondment to the Cabinet Office when he was seconded again to become executive director of last year's vast Japan Festival in Britain — the biggest ever celebration of Japanese culture in the west. The four-month series of events attracted millions of visitors; not only did Barrie and his staff raise the £20 million budget, they also made a small profit, which will go to a Japan Festival educational endowment fund for British schools.

The NACF has 22 staff and they are perhaps nervous about Barrie's intentions. "We're expecting what you might call a bit of a rehang," said one member, a phrase which delights Barrie: "If that's so I'd better make sure I hang them in a good light," he says.

Any such rehang will be in a new environment. The rooms at the back of the Tate Gallery which the fund has occupied since 1983 are too cramped, and in any case the Tate would like the space for galleries. Barrie wants the fund in a new home — preferably close to the heart of the art market in St James's — within a year.

He also wants to lift membership to 100,000 by appealing to younger art lovers. "We have to raise the profile," he says. "The constituency of people not in the arts who

would support the NACF if they only knew about it is really quite large." All that will need marketing and a presence in schools, perhaps through competitions.

What it all adds up to is expansion. Barrie's crash-course in gigantism with the Japan Festival should surely come in handy. "I made some useful friends there whom I shan't hesitate to call on," he says. Barrie himself became a member five years ago "because it seemed to be doing something which mattered to me about our art heritage".

As a yachtsman he has sailed the Atlantic and the South China Sea, but his great enthusiasm is for John Ruskin and in 1987 he published his abridged edition of Ruskin's *Modern Painters*. He believes Ruskin has a message for us about the nature of art. His own new task he sees as spreading that message.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Pseudos' corner

I rather miss the Cold War. You know where you were with it, for one thing, and for another it had its literary and dramatic benefits. You could go about using terms plucked from John Le Carré and in the early days of his prominence you could wag a finger at that white house in the remote Cornish village of Sennen Cove and say: "That's where David Cornwell lives."

"Who?" someone would obligingly ask. "David Cornwell, you know, that's John Le Carré's real name." So Le Carré is, with pleasing irony, an illegal of sorts. Sails under a flag of convenience. As did most of the characters in Tom Bower's *Inside Story* documentary on BBC 1 last night. Bower is best and most recently known as the pursuer of Robert Maxwell, a liar and a cheat who changed his name from the Czech in order to be accepted in western society. So this was familiar Bower territory, being about people who lied and cheated and changed their names in order to be accepted in the west.

The KGB has always favoured the use of illegals, the name given to spies who take on a foreign identity so completely that they believe in it themselves. Gordon Lonsdale, the Russian who made himself British on behalf of the KGB's Directorate S, is probably the best known here, but there have been thousands of others.

Bower interviewed several, some of them couples. At one stage I was reaching for the aspirin: here was a Russian who went to Germany and became a German, subsequently took a trip to Vienna where he "accidentally" met a woman outside the opera

house. They fell in love and went to India, or was it Italy? No, he went to India to establish a "legend" (as both the KGB and Le Carré call it) and then they went to Rome, from where they flew to Brazil and became Brazilians and got married, except that they had already married years before in Moscow; and eventually to the United States, which was the destination, of course, all along. If only George Smiley could have sat through this with me, he would have understood.

What good did all this do the Russians? Richard Helms, a former CIA director, said he didn't know what good it did them either. "If you can find out I'd be interested to hear." But then he would say that, wouldn't he? A former KGB man said he thought Russia would use illegals more and more now that the old, Cold War certainties had disappeared. But then he would say that, wouldn't he?

I daresay there is great excitement in being an illegal, in convincing everyone, sometimes including oneself, that one is somebody else. Must be like being Robert De Niro. Except that the rewards are scant.

Deception is an odd and risky trade. One Russian spent years in China posing as a Finn although, astonishingly, he did not speak Finnish. I suppose if he had encountered another Finn he would have been, er, finished. Perhaps the KGB calculated that a Finn wanting to be on both sides at once hardly needs to leave home, unless he is a Russian. If you see what I mean.

PETER BARNARD

ROCK RECORDS

Long service awards

THE failure of Los Lobos to capitalise on the success of their hit "La Bamba", a UK No 1 in 1987, was largely self-inflicted. The group sound like heavy, roots-rock guitar heroes one minute and the house band at a Mexican brasserie the next.

On Kiko (Slash 828 298-2) the combo from East Los Angeles at last manage to reconcile the two sides of their split personality to produce a musical hybrid of surpassing mystery and grace. There is constant variety — from the slinky, rockabilly shuffle of "That Train Don't Stop Here" to the brass-band-from-hell finale of "Rio De Tenampa" — but a coherent mood is maintained throughout. Foremost among a wealth of exotic treats are "Kiko and the Lavender Moon" with its sinuous accordion and horns motif

and the gorgeous lift of "Saint Behind The Glass".

The late Alex Harvey was a true original. On a good night he and his Sensational Band purveyed an eccentric brand of rock theatre that was beyond compare. But it was always difficult to capture the essence of his vaudevilian appeal on record, which is why the band's achievements have gradually slipped from prominence in the history books.

All Sensations (Vertigo 512 201-2) is a compilation of SAHB's recorded legacy from their peak years of 1973-75, and includes "Faith Healer", "Vamboo", "Marble Eye", "Next", "Anthem", "Framed" and the comically overwrought version of "Delilah" which became their biggest hit.

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Peter Ackroyd on the improbable marriage of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, both unfaithful yet devoted to one other

Attraction of opposites at Sissinghurst

It is hard not to begin this book with a feeling of detachment from such people and such a life. By the end, it is impossible not to respond to them with sympathy and even affection. How is this to be explained, except by the power of love?

The marriage of Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West has, over the years, become as much a notable and visible property as Sissinghurst itself. There is a grand irony here, for they were essentially private people whose true feelings were reserved for one another. They met in 1910, in a world of balls and parties; she lived at Knole and in Mayfair, while he became a junior diplomat in Constantinople. It is easy to see them as the spoiled children of a spoiled age, no more than representative of their class in an England long since gone. But that would be to miss the inflections of genuine feeling which from the beginning make this correspondence (most of it unpublished) so interesting.

"There is no fun equal to being quite at the beginning of things," she wrote in 1912. A year later, they were married in the chapel at Knole. From the start their union was something of an oddity. There was very little sensuality in their fervour and, at first glance, the marriage seems all shop-window and no shop. They really wanted to be "wonderfully good friends" but in her long confessional list of such virtues as untidiness and unpunctuality, Vita Sackville-West never mentioned homosexuality. Certain broad hints were given on occasions, however: "Violet (Keppel) and I acted afterwards, and ended up in each other's arms."

Which brings us inevitably to the notorious affair with La Trefus, although it is by no means the most interesting portion of this correspondence. Nigel Nicolson believes that his father lacked

VITA AND HAROLD
The Letters of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, 1910-1962
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"mettle", and indeed at most points in that torrid liaison Harold Nicolson seems to confine himself to a kind of submerged gurgling: "Darling, she is evil and I am not evil." Yet years and even centuries of English restraint were finally overcome, and he acted to sever the relationship. What becomes apparent, in the process, is his extraordinary love for her: "I realise it is all as if you had been run over by a bus and broken your leg, and however bloody, it is not your fault." Given the capricious nature of Vita Sackville-West at this point in her life, such a response is a model of understatement and sympathy.

Indeed, Harold Nicolson emerges as the real star of the marriage, at least in a literary sense. Vita Sackville-West, on the evidence of these letters, was a much less flexible writer and is always better at describing events or persons than in evoking her emotions. Perhaps she did not want to get too close to them or understand them, but the price of that evasion was an insidious theatricality. Yet one of the interests of this volume lies precisely in the manner in which her love for him deepened so that, after 16 years of a marriage which lasted for almost 50, she explained that "I could not live if I lost you."

In this period she wrote to him from Long Barn while he replied from Lausanne or Teheran or Berlin; in turn this means that there is a continuing double focus in this correspondence, moving between their private lives and Harold Nicolson's association with

the public events of the time. He was a diplomat and later a politician and, although he cannot be considered a notable success in either role, on all occasions he gives what might be considered the inside view of such events as the Abdication and the early stages of the second world war. It might have been interesting to trace the extent to which his liberal attitudes in private life affected his response to public events (although perhaps the connection was the other way around), but there is not really enough evidence here to come to a definitive judgment.

The correspondence does convey, however, what seems to have been the distinctive flavour of these years (particularly those between the wars), when the lethargy of an imperial *fin-de-siècle* seems to have seized many of the great figures of the time. It was an age when the imperatives of private freedom had displaced the stricter duties of an earlier period, and when a certain type of nice but rather ineffectual Englishness began its rise to prominence. All public values seemed to be formed only in reaction to the past, and as a result it is difficult to sense in Nicolson, as in so many of his contemporaries, a certain lack of internal strength. Of course it did not feel like that at the time and, like most people in love, Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West overestimated each other's talents. As far as he was concerned, she was the most extraordinary poet of her generation, whereas for her he "reflected the truly Greek and also the Christian spirit".

But *Vita and Harold* is interesting for much more than its account of these two lovers: included here are certain portraits of contemporaries which are worth preserving for their own sake. There is James Joyce, leaving Harold Nicolson with "an impression of such brittle



Vita (on Virginia Woolf): "I did sleep with her..." Harold: "It is like smoking over a petrol tank"

and vulnerable strangeness", and Einstein looking "like a child who for fun has put on a mask painted like Einstein". Then there is Virginia Woolf remarking to Vita Sackville-West: "You have written enough, let us now talk about

cupulation" — and what an extraordinary portrait she gives of that strange, mad woman, "shivering" with "excitement" as she walks among a London crowd.

Yet in the end the principal impression of this volume remains

that of the love between the two of them. It is hard not to be moved by the happiness they managed to impart to each other: it is almost as if happiness itself had been entrusted to them for a time, so that one can only sit back and marvel.

Virginia's Ophelia complex

Such has been the amount published about Bloomsbury over the past 25 years that, even as one speaks, arthritic limbs are doubtless poised to leap from stepadders to attic in a quest for old papers. Some might say that the resulting volumes prove of most interest to remainder-merchants, and even the less cynical know that nothing left — except for Lytton Strachey's letters — can come close to Virginia Woolf's diaries.

Much the most substantial collection in recent years was her husband's *Letters*. Less so is this new collection of essays. Some pieces, such as those by Lyndall Gordon and Jane Emery, have a microwaved taste, while others find Lord Annan and John Russell in after-dinner mode; but there are others that shed amused light on triumphs and follies.

Three come from Quentin Bell. One regrets that he has not written an autobiography, for he relishes irony, a quality which stood him in good stead with his aunt, Virginia Woolf, if not with those later-day feminists who have nailed her to their banner.

He has great sport with that

A CEZANNE IN THE HEDGE

Edited by Hugh Lee
Collins and Brown, £16.99

terrifyingly self-absorbed composer, Dame Ethel Smyth. "Leonard persuaded me to accompany them home in a taxi, and it was in the taxi that Leonard, trusting to poor Ethel's deafness, said to me: 'Can't you shut her up, Quentin?' Unfortunately he had not realized that the interior of a taxi may serve as a kind of sounding box in which even the deaf may hear." Agitated, Dame Ethel then bated Leonard by abusing Socialism. "Bernard Shaw had recently published a book called *The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism*, and this excited her scorn and anger... She went on and on with really dreadful persistence until at last Leonard could no longer resist the obvious retort 'Perhaps it was not addressed to you, Ethel.'"

Among the other redoubtable women who fill the pages is the doctor Octavia Wilberforce, friend of actress Elizabeth Robins, both recalled by Leon Edel, who conveys the tactics to which a biographer has recourse. He spent part of a Fifties summer at the Sussex rest-home which she ran with bristling efficiency. Small wonder that he speculates whether a different doctor would have saved Virginia Woolf from the Ouse. That is as may be, as is the aquatic imagery in her work to which must now be added an early piece, here first published: closely observed and fantastic. "A Terrible Tragedy in a Duckpond" gives a first-person account of near-drowning.

This almost befell somebody else. Nigel Nicolson recalls "sag hounds streaming across our fields. The stag leapt into the lake pursued by the hounds, swimming and by the huntsman, who had taken our rowing boat which was tethered to the bank, and Vita, seeing this, seized her rifle, strode down to the lake and fired not at the stag, not at the hounds, not at the huntsman, but at our rowing boat and sank it. Then she shouldered her still-smoking rifle, while my father looked on amazed."

For all its talk of French art, Bloomsbury was never far from Ealing in spirit.

CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

To the Kabul station

Alan Chalfont

THE BEAR TRAP
Afghanistan's Untold Story
By Mohammed Yousaf and Mark Adkin
Leo Cooper, £18.50

When the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan in December 1979, the strategic implications were obvious. At that time, when Gorbachev had not yet begun to erase "the Soviet threat" from the calculus of world power, any extension of Soviet military power rang alarm bells all over the world — in Western Europe, in America and in China. The appearance of 100,000 Russian troops in Afghanistan had an especially urgent significance for Pakistan, where they were perceived as a threat not only to Islam, but to the country's territorial integrity.

It was not surprising therefore that Pakistan should become closely involved in the operations of the Afghan Mujahidin against the occupying Army. President Zia of Pakistan was a professional soldier who once declared that "the Armed Forces are my constituency". It was not difficult for his military advisers to convince him that Pakistan's forward defence against Soviet aggression involved supporting the Mujahidin with arms, ammunition, intelligence and training; and also providing a base and safe haven for them in the North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan.

Nor was it surprising that assistance and support should be readily available from the United States, China and Britain, all reacting with varying degrees of commitment to Soviet aggression, and from countries like Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, alarmed at the spectacle of an Islamic people being engulfed by the arms of a communist superpower. The Soviet army found itself confronted by forces far more effective than the few thousand guerrillas armed with obsolete rifles and primitive bombs, which they might have been led to expect from their intelligence estimates.

Behind the Mujahidin, who were brave and resourceful, but disorganised and debilitated by personal and tribal rivalries, the Pakistan Intelligence organisation — the ISI — was at the centre of a co-ordinated operation which provided bases, intelligence and training and which controlled the flow of thousands of tons of arms into Afghanistan. The ISI worked in close association with the American CIA, which provided money and



An Afghan Mujahid at prayer. Photograph by Judah Passow

carefully "sanitised" satellite intelligence. Many of the weapons came from the West (the "Singer", an infra-red heat-seeking anti-aircraft missile, was the most familiar example) but the favourite suppliers were the Chinese, who earned a high reputation for delivering modern and reliable equipment.

From 1983-1987 this remarkable operation was under the control of Brigadier Mohammed Yousaf, the head of the Afghan Bureau of the ISI. He has now written, in collaboration with Mark Adkin, a former British infantry officer, an account of his years as the Mujahidin's commander-in-chief. The muscular prose style, clear and lucid, but with some of the didacticism of a staff college essay, can possibly be credited to Major Adkin, but the story is Yousaf's.

The book opens with a description of the air crash in 1988 that killed President Zia, his senior military adviser and the American ambassador, the real cause of which, in Yousaf's view, will never be known because the Americans and the Pakistanis conspired to prevent a full investigation.

Brigadier Yousaf describes with unconvincing amusement the bizarre appearances in Pakistan of the mysterious "Mr Black" — actually William Casey, the director of the CIA. Unforgettable is, a

Wilson, mounted on a white pony and dressed in Mujahidin clothing, with a bandolier of ammunition across his chest.

On the more sombre side there are ambushes, assassinations, raids, rocket attacks and all the savagery of guerrilla warfare which does much to encourage the sometimes over-simple equation that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. There is also an extraordinary account of an abortive plan to blow up the Salang Tunnel, the highest tunnel in the world, by means of antics which even James Bond would have rejected as impracticable.

There are some maps, also of the staff college variety, relying on a good deal on arrows. One photograph shows the author with Gul Badin Hekmatyar, prophetically described as "the best known and most controversial Fundamentalist leader".

Yousaf is somewhat severe on the Americans and their motives. To characterise their involvement in Afghanistan as an attempt to exorcise the evil spirits of Vietnam is surely an injustice. But he has written a valuable account of a crucial episode in the decline and fall of the Soviet empire.

Lord Chalfont, sometime Labour foreign office minister and former Times defence correspondent, now sits on the

Post-imperial longings

Sean French

SPIRIT WEDDINGS
By Gillian Tindall
Hutchinson, £13.99

Only in retrospect is the reader likely to realise that Gillian Tindall's sober narrative actually disguises a wild, almost gothic melodrama. The story is told by a staid, middle-aged doctor, Stephen Mason, and Tindall is almost too successful in reproducing the clichés, circumlocutions, cluttered syntax, complacent moralising of a man who has never concerned himself with literature. Pausing at one point, Mason reflects tortuously on events: "There seemed to be too many intense, conflicting preoccupations, private worlds all crowding clandestinely that summer over the same narrow space of days..."

I had to read that sentence more than once to make sense of it. This brief novel contains a fatal car crash, two attempted murders, a vanished baby, a man's expedition in search of his *Doppelgänger*, civil war and illicit sex. Most of it takes place in an invented far eastern country, loosely based, I suspect, on a combination of rural Burma and urban Singapore.

Spirit Weddings is an adventure story — the tale of the quest of Dr Mason's son Christopher for his apparent twin, spotted in a newspaper photograph — that might

almost have appealed to Rider Haggard. But it has been filtered, first through the resolutely unliterary Dr Mason, and then the insistently literary sensibility of Tindall herself. To quote the response to the country of an ancestor as "Oh the horror of it!" is to invite consideration of Conrad. Tindall's story of a snatched baby gives a redemptive twist to Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread*.

Most fruitfully, though, this story of a family still caught up in the drama of empire draws on our greatest explorer of the subject, Rudyard Kipling. The germ of this novel lies in Kipling's story, *Mrs Bathurst*, in which a woman crosses the world in search of a face glimpsed in a newsreel. The westerners searching for lost family members in Tindall's "Great Land" recall the bereaved relatives of the fallen of the Great War in Kipling's famous story, *The Story*. Always behind events is the great

novel of a white boy growing up among natives, *Kim*.

This is not literary anti-quarianism. Tindall's genteel middle class English characters discover that they are still haunted by family ghosts: the world of Barbara Pym is suddenly crossed with a more violent, exotic literary setting. The invented country seems irritating at first, but it was necessary because an authentic location would have dwarfed the psychological problems of one English family. The author skillfully convinces us of the locale's reality, but it remains impossible enough to remind us that this is abroad as a state of mind. The subject of this book is not the empire but family ties: that which connects people across time and space.

Some of my initial frustration remains. Though there is no doubt that Gillian Tindall places us in Stephen Mason's mind, I occasionally wished I were somewhere else. Yet this is a satisfying novel, not least because in its cleverly wrought conclusion it remains true to itself as an adventure story, as well as a novel of feeling and ideas.

The author's book *Fatherhood* will be published by Virago in October.

Last of the lightfoot lads

Caroline Moore

HOUSMAN'S POEMS
By John Bayley
Clarendon Press, £25



Enoch Powell's tutor

John Bayley's study of Housman's poems is a brilliant and rambling book — and I do not intend the second adjective to imply even a partial relaxation of the first. It describes rather a method of enquiry and celebration, reminiscent of Donne's description of the way to reach Truth (but without his self-conscious effortfulness): "On a huge hill / Cragged and steep. Truth stands, and hee that will / Reach her, about must, and about must goe..."

Professor Bayley's exhilarating stroll, circling about and about groups of loosely-clustered poems, will doubtless merely irritate those who prefer their literature and life to be driven in straight lines. It will also disappoint those who make a virtue of obscurity, and assault the hill of truth with the crampions of jargon. Bayley's path through the Shropshire hills is strenuous, but not unnecessarily so: he walks it for pleasure and the reader who joins him will discover the delights of the scenic route. Each new turn brings unexpected angles on humanity — a glimpse of some hidden valley in the human heart, an expanding vista of thought.

Bayley produces literary criticism of the "close-reading" school at its purest and most old-fashioned. He remains aloof from all attempts to make criticism a "science", and appears scarcely affected by structuralism and all its swarming, parent-devouring offspring. Nor does he attempt to place Housman in the context of his age, or systematically to interpret the poetry in the light of Housman's life.

we have is poetry read in a vacuum. Bayley's comments upon Housman's poem "the new *bien pensants* of Cambridge, the new critical arbiters" can equally apply to himself. When I.A. Richards headed the attempt to make criticism a new science, Housman retorted as unscientifically as possible that the effect of good poetry was to send a shiver down the spine.

Bayley comments: "But the point about the shiver down the spine was that it happened to Housman himself, who described the way it happened: and Housman was a man who had been soaked in poetry and the classics all his life. [It]... was in fact a highly specialized reaction to a set of exceedingly complex stimuli, the unconscious product of voracious reading, feeling and thinking." We must count ourselves lucky to have a critic equally well-qualified.

His choice of poet is unfashionable, too. A certain sort of self-referential poetic self-consciousness is now at a premium. Academic readers enjoy the spectacle of "self-ness of themselves in the act of writing poetry includes a generous admixture of self-doubt and self-deprecating hesitancy — all those fine waivers of scruple and reservation which allow us to share (or in Bayley's term "collude") with the intimate drama of a mind in the act of creation. Bayley questions the belief that the chief "earnest of a poet's power" is his "power to adjust and display his own awareness of the doubtfulness of what he is doing".

Much of the book is based on a distinction between the poets of "self-creation" and "self-recognition", which "excludes any suggestion of the dramatic" and profits "emotion without attitude". Such poetry works like a dream. Dreams, as Bayley suggests, are not vitiated by a sense of their own escapism or inauthenticity: they do not offer commentaries upon themselves; they do not invite sharing. What they give is a "felt change of consciousness" which short-circuits the reader to "their author's unprotected being".

Perhaps it is easier to say what

they are. Bayley's oblique method serves him well here: he approaches Housman by contrasting him with Yeats or Geoffrey Hill, or through his affinities with Larkin. When he analyses the dreams themselves, his criteria may seem rather similar to those of the connoisseurs of self-consciousness. Within the "emotion without attitude" he finds "hidden attitudes", as any self-respecting academic must. He praises the poetry of unpredictability, of opposites and reversals; he enjoys a good paradox as much as the next don. But with Bayley there is always the possibility that one's imagination might be expanded.

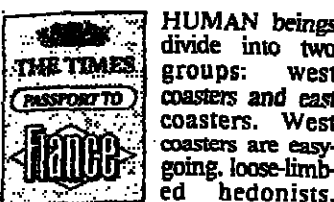
This, in the end, is what we turn to critics like Bayley for. Many of the phrases that Bayley uses to praise Housman's poetry could be turned on him: "fantastically yet fastidiously emphatic language", an "element of dead pan oddity", the ability to evade a conventional response: "In complicated and unexpected ways. These fine qualities are susceptible to abuse: word-mongering, or the super-subtleties of the merely clever."

But Bayley, like the poets he admires, is never merely self-regarding. His real subject is the range and complexity of human experience. I can think of no critic better able to plumb the peculiar emotional and poetic compensations of Housman's homosexual love — sealed off in hopelessness and privacy, but thereby constantly available for poetry, and for a sort of enjoyment. Next term John Bayley will surrender his chair at Oxford to Terry Eagleton. I fear we

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Le swell est arrivé

Andy Martin takes
to his surfboard, in
that west coast
frame of mind



while east coasters are serious, sombre-suited workaholics. Fortunately, landlocked dionysians who inhabit a west coast of the mind do not have to go all the way to California to turn fantasy into reality. France has the best west coast in Europe and some of the greatest surfing beaches in the world.

The summer I got married it was a kind of bigamy as I was still married to my board, so the three of us compromised by going on a surfing honeymoon, hugging the Atlantic coast of France. According to my beachbum's *Guide Michelin*, a map of "208 spots pour surfer" drawn from the pages of a French surfing magazine (with "Supersports" awarded the accolade of three stars), there would be deep ocean swells ramming up against the continental shelf and generating gnarly breaks all the way from Biarritz to Biarritz.

That was the theory. In practice I discovered there is a clear distinction between the north-west and the south-west sides of the "hexagon" — one that may go a long way towards explaining why Albert Camus contrasted angst-ridden, suicidal Nordic types with the sunnier sensualists of the south.

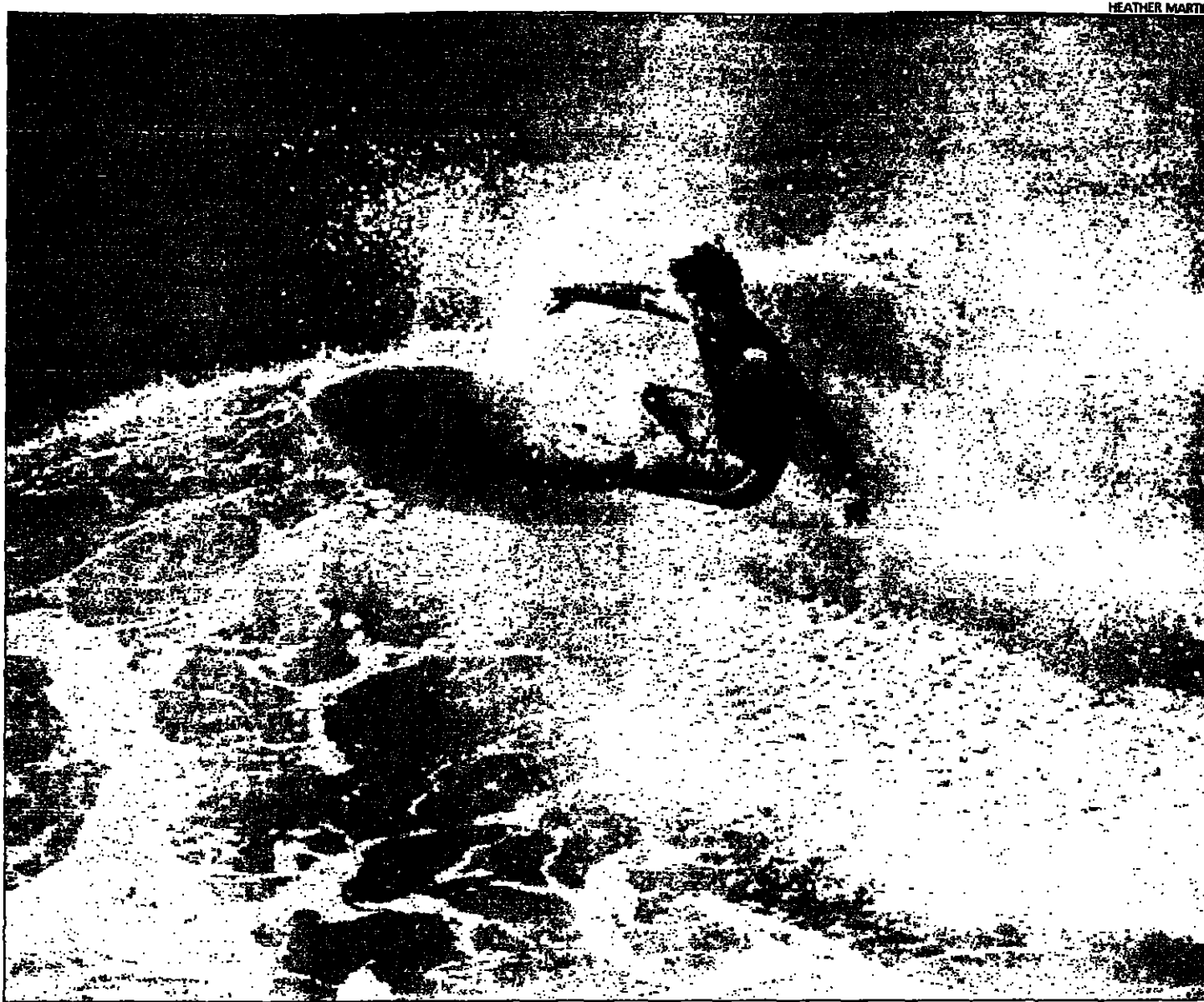
In vain I scoured Normandy for the Holy Grail of the perfect waves. I could not even find imperfect ones in Siouville and Le Rozel, where desperate locals were reduced to *le skim* or skimbobbing (flicking on the water's edge with sawn-off surfboards). A sprinkling of palm trees seemed a good omen, though. After the gentle undulations of Normandy (on both sides of the shoreline), Brittany provided further promising portents in the shape of craggy headlands, plunging chasms, and a throng of three-fin thrusters strapped to 2CVs.

The most westerly of all beaches in France is the ominously named *Baie des Trépassés* (Bay of the Deceased) on the Pointe du Raz not far from Quimper. Supposedly inhabited by the spirits of the drowned, this is the site of the legendary city of Is, once capital of "Cornouailles" and Brittany's Sodom, sunk in the 5th century beneath a punitive tidal wave.

The princess whose rebels attracted this calamity was turned into a mermaid, reputed to lure sea-goers to their doom. On the August day I was there I found only a green, sheltered bay with small but well-formed rights and lefts, dismissed by hardened lifeguards as merely *sympa* (that is, unlikely to deter even the most timid tyro).

In contrast, the rugged Côte Sauvage of the Quiberon peninsula amply lived up to its name. Bleak and comfless, hammered by storm-driven, life-threatening breakers, it is definitely for the hard-core lunatic fringe only. The beach is punctuated with skull and crossbones signs that warn of *danger mortel* and attract surfers in droves. The mysterious megaliths of Carnac down the road look like tombstones for prehistoric wanderers crazy enough to shoot the bone-crunching curl that crashes over shallow reefs.

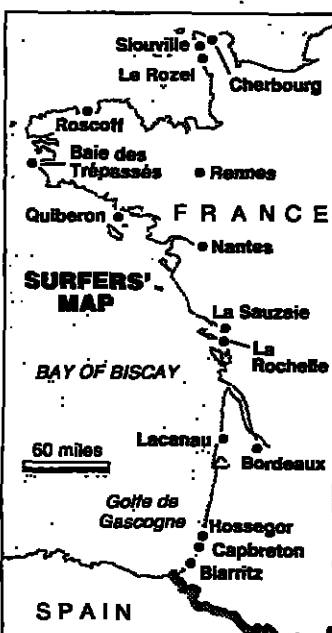
Further south, La Sauzaie boasts a three-star, left-handed point break, a solid 4ft or 5ft on the day I was there. The locals hogging the



Hawaii? No this is Biarritz. France has the best west coast in the whole of Europe and the best surfing beaches in the world

GLOSSARY

- Aerial floater: a combined manoeuvre in which the board briefly flies free of the waves then makes a re-entry down through the white water
- Break: any spot where the waves are rideable; hence pointbreak, break where waves wrap around point or headland
- Left hander: a wave that breaks from right to left from the perspective of the surfer; hence right hander, a wave that breaks left to right
- Lip: pitching crest of a hollow or semi-hollow wave
- Peak: highest part of the wave
- Thruster: modern board
- Tube: a cylindrical "hollow" wave you can disappear into



surfing superstars as Australian Gary Elberton, formerly known as Kong, and Californian Tom Curran, last year's world champion, have taken up residence around here and married French women. When the waves are flat in winter they drive up into the mountains with their snowboards.

Just a few kilometres north of town, Les Cavaliers (keep going past Sables d'Or) pumps out the shapeliest and glassiest waves in France. The only slight drawback when I went there was that dozens of world-class surfers were dancing flawlessly on every peak. When you find yourself paddling for the same wave as the current world champion, it is like suddenly seeing Boris Becker on the other side of the net when you are winding up to serve. You are apt to double-fault. If you want somewhere less crowded, the reefbreak at Guéthary to the south is the best bet.

For the style-conscious, a visit to the Quiksilver factory at St-Jean-de-Luz, for some of the coolest baggies and T-shirts in the world, is de rigueur. Even if you cannot catch any waves, at least you can look like a surfer.

The pro surfers and my "Supersports" map carried on into Spain and Portugal. We followed them as far as Mundaca, an outstanding rivermouth break, but despite the lure of further unmissable star-raters the lack of a decent *boulangerie* and café had us hating back over the border to refuel. There may be many west coasters, but only France combines in such perfect harmony the noble savagery of the state of nature with the self-indulgent pleasures of civilisation. At least if the quest for the perfect wave remains unfulfilled, there is no shortage of the perfect *pain chocolat* and *petite religieuse*.

● Lacanau Quiksilver Pro, August 19-23; Hossegor Rip Curl Pro, August 26-30; Biarritz Arena Surfmasters, September 2-6
● Andy Martin is the author of *Walking on Water* (Mina, £5.99).

Warmed by the gossip



WHEN IN FRANCE

We decided to hold a party. Nothing formal. Just drinks out on the terrace where, in the fading warmth of the setting sun, French and English neighbours could be as one.

Mary had long held the view that we should do more to get to know the native community. "We say *bonjour* and *bon soir*, but we don't really know them." After two years summer residency it was surely about time that our Gascon farmhouse should host an *Entente Cordiale*.

A blimpish friend who has spent so long here as to be high on *foie gras* warned against international socialising. "When they get together it's always a family do. If they want to talk with friends, they can do it in the café or playing boules. They don't feel compelled to make a great thing of it."

There was a corollary to his line of reasoning. "If you do send out invitations, their first thought will be 'What are they up to? What do they want?'"

We rebelled against the suggestion of mean-mindedness. The Gascons are among the kindest and friendliest people. Try going out for a walk. It is rare to get five minutes down the road without an offer of a lift, usually from a farmer in a 2CV who cannot bring himself to accept that any intelligent being would use two feet when four wheels are available. An aged relative with a limited grasp of French gave up on his holiday exercise after twice being returned to the house by solicitous drivers who mistook his protestations for a polite but unnecessary effort to save them trouble. But, as we have come to realise, generosity of spirit is not to be confused with liberated

madame would be only too happy to take a break? Or was it wiser to give way, on the principle that a mayor in the hand is worth holding on to? It was a bold Mary who made the choice. "You must bring all the family." She threw open her arms as if to embrace... six? A dozen? When it comes to families they think big in Gascony.

But at least with the mayor as pied piper, we had no problem in completing the guest list.

Came the day. The English arrived on the dot. All, that is, except the Goodmans, who belied their reputation for punctuality with what, at the time, I regarded as a feeble excuse. Something to do with a sick cat.

Nervously clutching our glasses of chilled white, we gathered on the terrace. And waited. Pangs of regret were beginning to hurt when Mary spotted the first car, visible at about half a mile across open countryside, as it turned the bend in the road and headed towards us. It was followed by another car and another until there was a full procession snaking its way through the avenue of limes.

Mary and I moved forward to meet the on-coming traffic. As we did so, we were uncomfortably aware of our English guests backing away to the shadier and darker end of the terrace.

The Renaults and Peugeot parked in a neat line with a



cacophony of doors opening and slamming. Then they were upon us, a cheerful enthusiastic crowd, secure in numbers. We made the introductions, poured drinks. It was the French, the reluctant party goers, who did most of the talking. The rest of us were made uncomfortably aware of what other Europeans have known for generations — that conversing less than fluently in a second language can be an exhausting business.

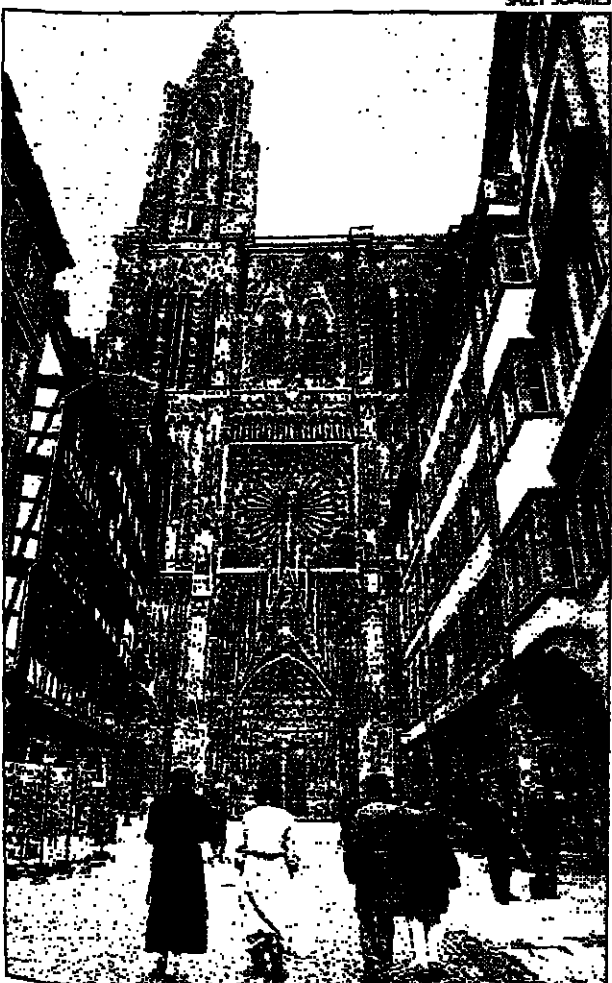
Then the Goodmans put in an appearance. They had news of a garage proprietor who had gone off to Marseilles with a wallet full of bank notes, ostensibly to buy agricultural machinery. When he failed to reappear, it was feared that he had fallen victim to the Marseilles mafia. But now, apparently, he had been seen — with a woman. This was just what the party needed. As a conversation starter, there is nothing quite like a breath of scandal. Everybody — French and English — had a line on what he was up to. We relaxed.

The sun dipped to a chorus of revving engines. As the last car roared away along the track we made two resolutions. To work harder on our language tapes; and to brush up on local gossip.

BARRY TURNER

Melodies in medieval setting

SALLY SOAMES



Old glory: Strasbourg will echo to a Rossini tribute

Tomorrow sees the opening of one of France's oldest festivals, the Strasbourg Music Festival, now in its 54th year. Comprising 12 concerts and two operas, including tributes to Rossini, Honegger and Sator Vegg, the festival runs until July 4. Led by Sir Yehudi Menuhin, the festival's honorary president, the organisers have invited an array of world-class orchestras and soloists, making the next three weeks the perfect time to discover this delightful medieval city.

Dwarfed by the breathtaking Gothic cathedral of Notre Dame, "Le Grande Ange Rose De Strasbourg," intricately carved with its complicated web of pinnacles and spires, the half-timbered medieval houses of Strasbourg with their steeply pitched roofs huddle unevenly along the quaysides and cobbled streets of the old town, dripping their baskets of bright flowers.

Swans sail serenely past the lovers strolling along the banks of the River Ill. As a river city of great charm, Strasbourg shares the romance of Paris but it has such a distinctly German feel to it that the first time visitor could be forgiven for wondering if he had crossed the border.

However, it is on a British note that this year's festival



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opens when the London Oriana Choir accompanied by London's Philharmonia orchestra will perform Rossini's *Stabat Mater* and Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* in the magnificent setting of the cathedral. Soloists include Benjamin Luxon, Maldwyn Davies and Lynda Russell.

The quality of the soloists make Strasbourg one of France's most important musical events. On June 17 the pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy will give a recital of works by Chopin and will also play Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Strasbourg celebrates the 70th birthday of the French flautist Jean-Pierre Rampal with a concert on June 22. On June 20 festival goers have a chance to hear Paul Meyer, the Alsace-born clarinetist, display his virtuosity when he returns home to play Mozart, Wagner and

variations on Rossini. On June 16 Krystian Zimerman will play Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 and Symphony No 7 with the Young Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

The highlight of the festival occurs on June 25 when James Bowman, the British counter tenor gives a recital of ancient Italian music in the beautiful Eglise St Pierre Le Jeune. Dating from the early 13th century, this rose-coloured church with its star-painted ceiling and faded 14th-century frescoes will provide a magical and intimate setting for works by Vivaldi, Monteverdi and Pergolesi.

For opera fans, Strasbourg offers a new production of Verdi's *La Traviata* and Rossini's *La Barber di Seville* with Gabriel Bacquier as *Barolo* and Teresa Berganza's student Maria Bayo as *Rosina*, in a revival of Jérôme Savary's 1987 festival triumph.

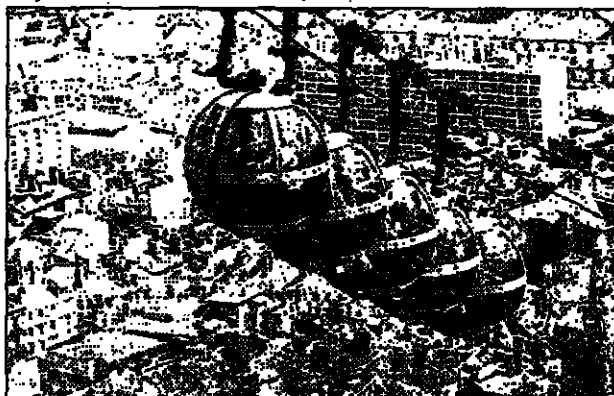
Completing the tribute to Rossini, the festival closes with the *Petite Messe Solennelle* performed by the German choir Söddeutsches Vokalensemble at the Eglise Abbatiale d'Ebersmunster.

SUSAN BELL

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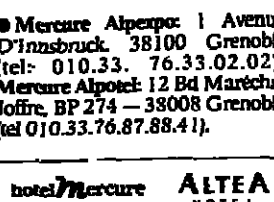
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PRIVATE HEALTH

Rivals in patient care

The NHS is now competing with the private sector by providing better facilities. Jeremy Laurance says economic factors will be the deciders

As part from the war of Jennifer's ear, the NHS featured less than expected in the general election. John Major's personal commitment to his preservation "as long as I am prime minister" left the opposition with little room for kicking snits.

Preserving the NHS, however, means preserving public access, not public provision. So long as everybody has equal access to treatment free at the point of use, the government believes it matters not whether that treatment is delivered in a Bupa unit or a general hospital. The election result has secured the future of this plural market in health care, in which state and private hospitals are expected to compete. For the private sector the changes carry both a carrot and a stick.

The carrot is that the separation of purchasers (health authorities) and providers (hospitals) should open up a vast new NHS market for private hospitals.

Health authorities, however, have been reluctant so far to establish new contracts with private hospitals, except temporarily to clear waiting lists.

The stick is that NHS trusts are expected to compete with the private sector for private patients through upgrading their facilities and promoting their services.

A couple of years ago it seemed that the stick might be winning. NHS hospitals increased their revenue from private patients faster than private hospitals in 1989-90. By the end of 1991, the opposite was true. Bioplan, which had pioneered partnerships between the NHS and private hospitals on NHS sites, had financial difficulties and was bought out. Questions were also raised about the financial performance of NHS pay beds, and the justification for health authority investment in them remains politically sensitive.

So far the carrot of a wider market for the private sector in the new NHS has been a chimera. Most health authorities have not considered contracting with private hospitals for mainstream services and will not do so until the new arrangements have bedded down.

Authorities that have made contracts have found the costs double those of the NHS. This, however, is because the NHS costs are marginal ones, omitting overheads and capital charges. The NHS market for private hospitals is unlikely to take off unless health authorities

take out block contracts on realistic terms. Fund-holding family doctors are the most unpredictable element. Initially, they were more prepared than health authorities to consider radically new options for supply. If they are prevented from securing fast-track treatment for their patients at NHS hospitals, in order not to disadvantage other patients, as health department guidelines recommend, they could turn to the private sector.

Their budgets, however, are small compared with health authorities', and the high surgeons' fees are likely to deter them. Growth in this area, therefore, is likely to be slow.

The greatest potential for private sector growth could come in response to the growing pressure for more rationing in the NHS. Health authorities are reluctant to take on new areas of work and are increasingly willing to shift responsibility on to other supply sources where they exist.

For example, as private care for the elderly has grown, NHS institutional care has become more restricted. Alternative medicine, for which demand is booming, is almost entirely private.

Even in mainstream care, the NHS has been reluctant in some areas to provide a comprehensive service. For example, North East



Operating costs: economic factors will decide whether the private sector can prosper in the 1990s

Thames regional health authority decided last year to restrict provision of NHS treatment for varicose veins and similar conditions to free resources for more pressing needs.

The private sector has flourished, as William Laing observes in his 1992 *Review of Private Health Care*, in those areas where its marginal cost over public treatment is

low and where there is a significant constraint on public supply.

Growth will depend on the state of the economy as much as on the state of the NHS. Although private health care has been one of the most recession-proof industries in the early 1990s, the growth in subscribers to private medical insurance schemes faltered in 1991.

Sharply increased claim rates have forced up premiums and turned away some clients. Private insurers are now experimenting with a range of policies providing, in most cases, more limited cover. It is economic factors, however, that will determine whether the private sector can grasp the opportunities of the 1990s.

ABC of price variations

Rising costs have prompted the marketing experts to rethink schemes

Insurance companies working to curb the spiralling costs of private health care are approaching the problem in a number of ways. It is not hard to see why. In the past year alone, premiums have risen by 30 per cent, says Bob Bycroft, managing director of Medical Insurance Agency, an insurance provider. "The market place is underpriced. When you get that, you force the marketeers to sharpen their pencils and come out with pretty sophisticated plans, to attract additional premium revenue."

Hospitals have always been classified by their charges and insurance policies reflect this. Top-of-the-range policies cover A, B and C classifications, but less comprehensive policies may only entitle the holder to admission to B or C-class hospitals. Classifications reflect not the standard of medical care but the price of hospitals' non-medical provision — the hotel charges.

Then there is the concept known as "preferred providers", under which the insurers supply a list of the hospitals from which policyholders may choose. Lists are usually quite comprehensive, and the ABC classifications are still used. There are lower-premium plans — budget and waiting plans — and those that carry restrictions, perhaps on out-patient attendance.

An approach fairly new in Britain is managed care: worldwide, it is already established and in the United States, according to Malcolm Wright, Norwich Union's business manager, 65 per cent of health care is provided through managed care.

Broadly, it brings together the four elements involved in hospitalisation — patient, doctor, hospital and insurer — to reduce unnecessary costs without compromising quality of care.

Within the system, patients can contact the insurer from the outset to check whether they are covered for a proposed treatment (non-

managed-care schemes also advise patients to do this).

The insurer will have selected a network of preferred-provider hospitals, and have agreed protocols with the doctors who use them. These protocols aim, for example, to encourage doctors, where possible, to have diagnostic tests done before the patient is admitted, as it is the in-patient stay — the hotel charges — that generally shoots costs skywards.

Mr Wright says: "We are not taking away their right to decide how procedures should be per-

formed or in any way taking away their clinical responsibility," he says. "We are, if you like, acting as a conscience, and to ensure that the pre-operative arrangements, such as X-rays and pathology tests, are carried out, if it's possible, before going into hospital, because it's the hospital costs that start to escalate when you have overnight stays."

"The partnership is crucial because we do want to involve the hospital and the doctors in the whole process and let them have a say."

Norwich is still negotiating what is thought to be the first commercial such scheme in this country although Private Patients Plan pointed the way last December when it announced its Psychiatric Benefit Protection Programme to bring managed care into the treatment of mental illnesses.

Mr Wright says: "All the major insurers are looking to see whether this is the direction in which they want to move."

Laing and Buisson, the market analysts, suggest that aggressive action in managed care — such as pre-admission authorisation from insurers, direction to particular suppliers and non-reimbursement if clinical protocols are not followed — is unlikely to be readily supported by customers.

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It is the in-patient stay that shoots costs skywards

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All in a day's work for surgeons

What a difference day surgery makes: Pat Blair discovers it is far from a second-best option

Many patients prefer it, an increasing number of doctors like it, it reduces the cost of medical care and can save health insurance companies thousands of pounds, holding down premiums. Advances in medical techniques have made day-case surgery — where patients enter hospital in the morning, have their operation and leave in the evening — a real option for a growing number of surgical procedures. Yet still day-case treatment occupies a comparatively small part of the health care scene in Britain.

The reasons are two-fold: some patients, wrongly, see day surgery as a second-best, no-frills option; second, a lack of facilities is seen by medical consultants as a major inhibitor. However, spiralling costs are forcing more hospitals, public and private, to look towards day-case surgery as a way of saving money without sacrificing quality of treatment.

In 1986 day surgery accounted for only 20 per cent of elective (non-urgent) surgery in the private sector, according to the independent publication *Laing's Review of Private Healthcare*. It forecast then "substantial scope for development of private day surgery services which could have major implications for private hospital investment".

In the past two years, says Mike Hall, regional manager of Bupa hospitals, day surgery has leapt to 35 per cent of acute services in its hospitals, up 20 per cent. In February, Bupa launched two projects to promote it. Of its 30 hospitals, the 23 that already did a significant volume of day surgery are now acting as demonstration hospitals. It also has pilot schemes in five hospitals highlighting three specific procedures — wisdom teeth extraction, removing cataracts and hand surgery.

William Laing, a director of the healthcare analysts Laing and Buisson, says: "In Bupa's

schedule of fees, published in January, there was no increase in consultants' fees, except for a 10 per cent supplement for those who did cases on a day surgery basis. There is certainly scope for it and I can envisage a time when much more is done in the private sector. Who will take that, we don't know. It may be the existing private hospitals: it may be new day-surgery units."

As yet, there are few health care companies whose specialise in day surgery, either in hospital or, such as Humana's Wellington Day Surgery Centre in London's Harley Street, in separate units. Clinics perform operations such as vasectomy and cosmetic surgery on a day basis.

However one company sees day treatment as the way of the future. The Grosvenor Clinic opened in Hendon, north-west London, early last year with one operating theatre suite, capable of treating up to six patients a day. "It's intended to be one of the first of a number of facilities we are specifically aiming at day-case surgery," says Dudley Roggs, its director.

The number of procedures suited to day surgery is large and growing. We can deal with more both in number and in complexity. It is also less expensive, and infinitely more preferable to go home to your own family, environment and bed. Recovery times also seem to be less," he says.

The clinic receives referrals from doctors and advertises directly to the public. At current rates, the fixed day-surgery cost for a simple hernia operation — examination, consultation, operation and follow-up — would be £695, compared to about £2,500 for an in-patient staying three days. Cosmetic surgery excluded, the most expensive operation, at £950, is major surgery for varicose veins, a price within reach of those without insurance but prepared to pay for treatment. An independent telephone



Today's the day: Kenneth Waters, senior surgeon, with nurse Chris Mackichan, deals with a "day case" hernia operation at the Grosvenor Clinic

survey carried out last year by Taylor Nelson for Bupa found that of 633 members who had day surgery, 79 per cent were very satisfied and 18 per cent fairly satisfied overall. Only 3 per cent were dissatisfied. More than two thirds could not cite any disadvantages.

Medical advances are helping day surgery's cause. Kenneth Waters, senior surgeon at the Grosvenor Clinic, has adopted an operation used in the US for 10 years or more to repair hernias. Using a polypropylene mesh instead of internal stitches, Mr Waters says, eliminates most of the pain after the operation and gentle jogging a day later "is more than possible".

He says: "I have been amazed, having done the traditional method for nearly 20 years — something like 1,000 hernias — and seen patients a week later bent L-shaped walking into the consulting room. Now I see patients trotting up

stairs. One of our first people said he was back cycling after three days."

Not every patient is suitable for day surgery and the decision is made by the doctor on medical and social grounds. People living alone may be refused, unless they have a friend to stay at home; likewise, patients who are unlikely to be able to rest when they return home. Surface operations ("lumps and bumps"), according to Mr Waters, and sub-surface — hernias and varicose veins — are among those currently available.

Should a patient subsequently require for medical reasons to stay overnight, the extra cost is absorbed by the clinic. "I prefer people to stay overnight at an hotel if they live more than 50 miles away," Mr Waters says. "If there were problems, I would get to them. They have my card and can ring me 24 hours a day."

Getting a raw deal?

Companies see mental illnesses as long-term ailments, needing long-term treatment and thus high payouts

One area of private medical care that seems to be getting a raw deal is psychiatric treatment. Indeed, the Independent Healthcare Association has become concerned enough about insurers' lack of provision to set up a working party to look into it.

Some policies — such as Lloyd's/Abbey Life Budget Health Care and Over 60s Health, Budget Bupa, Sun Alliance Health First and Prompt Care — provide no cover at all, in-patient or out-patient, for psychiatric treatment. Other policies may exclude in-patient care and/or place restrictions on the level of treatment, *Pat Blair* writes.

When it comes to alcohol or drug dependence, there is often no cover for treatment, either for the dependency or for medical or psychiatric conditions arising from or associated with it. Indeed it is easier to pick out the policies that do offer cover, even if they limit it. They include Allied Medical Assurance plans, Bupa Care and Bupa Company Care, Cigna Healthcare, Lloyds Healthcare, PPP Corporate Health Plan and the Civil Service Medical Aid Association Premium and Standard schemes.

The insurers' approach, or lack of it, to psychiatric care

poses dilemmas for patients, especially those offered company screening programmes that include stress checks. If the screening detects a stress-related problem and psychiatric treatment is suggested, and if their employer's insurance cover does not include that — what next?

While recognising that employers may arrange screening through companies other than

ment, as they might for long-term physical conditions.

Private Patients Plan, however, has addressed the problem face on, with the introduction last December of its Psychiatric Benefits Protection Programme. Under that, the insurer, consultant and hospital will agree beforehand a suitable plan of treatment and its cost, based on the number of days and the type of treatment required. The policy will cover up to 180 in-patient days a year.

Most of Bupa's schemes will encompass psychiatric care, but as Mrs Johnson says: "A problem such as alcoholism from our point of view could be a long-term condition. By the time somebody comes to the point they feel they really have to seek help, they have probably had it for quite a long time."

"Bupa doesn't actually treat it as a chronic condition under our rules — otherwise we would effectively be saying we don't cover it at all — so we will cover it initially, but not in the long term."

Overall, when it comes to mental illness and psychiatric care, one is left wondering: are private health providers and insurers between them detecting conditions and raising hopes of treatment only to dash them?

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those with which they are insured, Kathy Johnson, provider liaison manager with Bupa, says: "Perhaps there is a dilemma there — detecting stress and then not offering any cover for the treatment of the condition."

Option for change

Alternative medicine is offered, but at a heavy cost

Alternative medicine — including osteopathy, chiropractic and homeopathic treatment — is increasingly being covered by health insurers who recognise that a sizeable proportion of the public wants to be able to use practitioners in those fields. Most include alternative, or complementary, medicine only in the more comprehensive, and thus more expensive, insurance schemes.

Orion Healthcare, for example, under its company-paid schemes, Classic and Classic Value, provides benefit of up to £500 a year for each insured person referred by their GP to such a specialist. *Pat Blair* writes. Similarly, benefits for individual subscribers to its Elite scheme amount to a maximum of £1,000 a year.

In March, Norwich Union launched its top-of-the-range Premier Care plan, which includes full refunds on osteopathy and chiropractic treatment resulting from a GP referral.

International Private Healthcare, underwritten by a subsidiary of the Swiss-based Winterthur Insurance Group, offers under its Premier Gold plan — but not under Premier or Premier Plus — benefits up to £6,500, the total amount available in any one year for out-patient services, which in theory could all be used for the acupuncture and specialist herbal treatment it covers.

Possibly the most wide-ranging in its approach to complementary medicine, however, is the French-based company Strasbourgeoise, which opened up in Britain last year.

The company's Free-choice plans cover any alternative medicine — reflexology, iridology, aromatherapy, as well as more mainstream therapies — by any practitioner or therapist as long as it is for treatment as defined in the company's rules and the therapist belongs to a registration body to which the company can refer.

The Freechoice Standard plan will cover 50 per cent of expenses up to £500 annually; Super, 75 per cent up to £750; and Super Plus, a full refund up to £1,000. Following the French system, unusual in Britain, patients do not have to be referred through a family doctor but can approach the therapist direct. Wiser patients will check with the company which registration bodies are approved, before they opt for treatment.

Guidance through the maze

After a traumatic two years, complacency has given way to complexity as policies proliferate and the public becomes more sophisticated

Almost 12 per cent of the British population — about 6.6 million people — are covered by some sort of private medical insurance in a business now worth £1.3 billion annually. The figures have risen steadily: 20 years ago only 4 per cent of the population held medical insurance. But the past two years have been difficult.

The market was shaken, for instance, when one of the largest providers, Bupa, announced an insurance loss in 1990 of £61 million. *Pat Blair* writes. A management shake-up followed. Peter Jacobs, who took over as chief executive of Bupa in May last year, said in January: "The health care insurance industry has had a long period of satisfactory growth and a small number of players — and frankly I think it got rather complacent. It was not particularly well managed and the larger commercial insurers saw an opportunity to come into a pretty sleepy market. ... It means that Bupa has gone from relatively easy market conditions to a much more competitive situation. That has required a change in culture and attitudes which have to compete not just in terms of price but also in customer service."

The 1991 results show that Bupa has halved its insurance



Fresh face: Peter Jacobs

loss. David Bryant, of Bupa, says: "We have seen what we regard to be a dramatic improvement in our fortunes in 1991 when, if anything, the recession had got harder than in 1990."

But Bupa is not the only one to feel the effects of recession, keener competition, a higher number of claims and a squeeze as people lost insurance cover along with their jobs.

Although there is no hard data to support the assertion, many in the industry believe that claims shot up because people decided not to defer operations in case they become unemployed. Others believe that the public has become more sophisticated and looks on insurance more as a main-

tenance contract than a safety net. The market analysts Laing and Buisson note in their publication *Laing's Review of Private Healthcare* 1992, that benefits as a percentage of subscriptions rose to 90 per cent in 1990, and the remaining 10 per cent was insufficient to meet administration overheads. As a result, they say, "it can be said with confidence that UK private medical insurance as a whole made an underwriting loss in 1990."

Premiums rose sharply and insurers themselves pointed to a real risk that the cost of private medicine was getting out of control. Western Provident Association drew the picture: "In 1981, a family man of average earnings had to work 113 hours to pay his health insurance premium of £270. In 1991, he worked 231 hours to pay a premium of £1,288." Its answer is to introduce a new policy, Elect, that covers the 17 non-emergency conditions for which NHS waiting lists are longest and which "most improve people's quality of life, ranging from cataracts to hip and knee replacements."

Other insurance companies have similarly responded by designing a plethora of schemes to suit different purses, and offering options such as "excess" agreements, reduced out-patient cover, upper limits to payments, no-claims discounts, exclusion clauses, optional extras.

The variety is such that selecting a policy, company or personal, is now much more complex. One can no longer make easy comparisons. The Private Health Partnership, an independent advisory service which operates an insurance helpline (0532 788855), says it has seen an increase in people seeking guidance through the maze. It suggests that would-be subscribers should decide first on what they want covered and then find a policy to match.

The outlook for the industry, despite the traumas of the past two years, is bright. William Laing, a director of Laing and Buisson, sees the trend in medical insurance continuing upwards, with business coming both from companies and individuals. "On preliminary figures, in a recession year when prices were going up rapidly, the number of subscribers remained static. That was actually a good result for

the industry. In terms of revenue, although we don't have the figures yet — in that recession year, 1990/91, it probably increased by 15 per cent. As we come out of recession — and provided the NHS does not get its act together and totally undermines the private sector — then I expect it to continue to increase."

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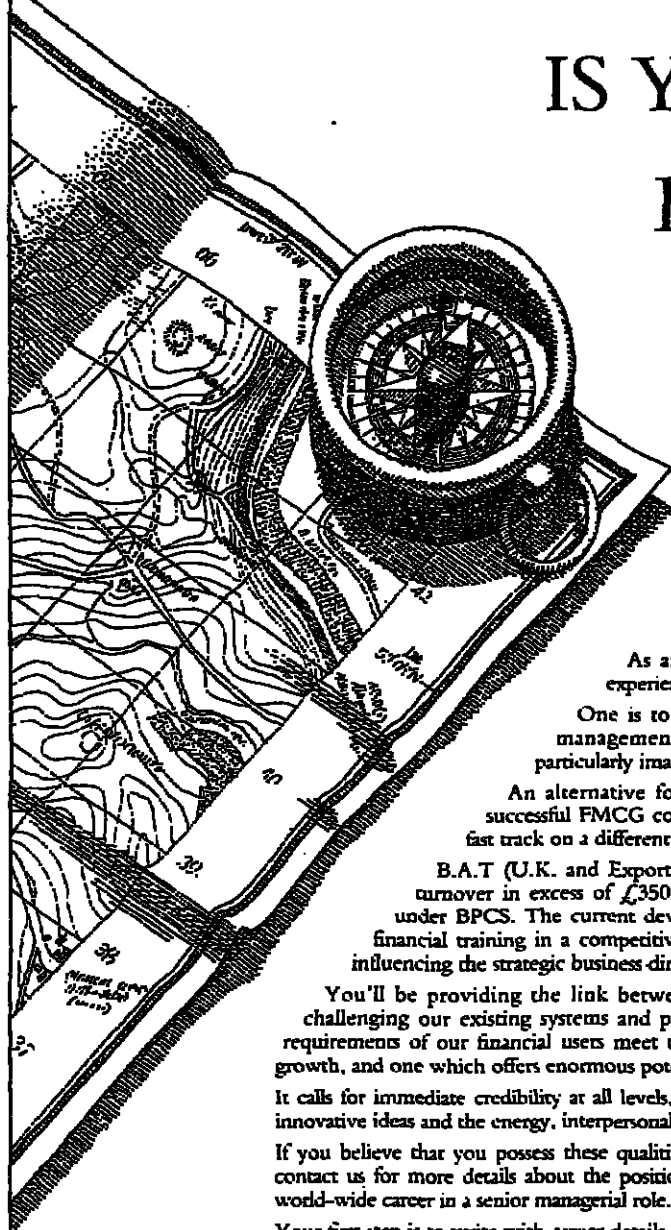
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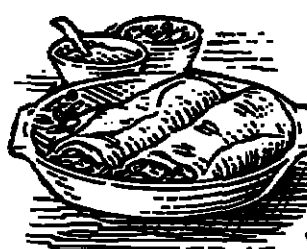
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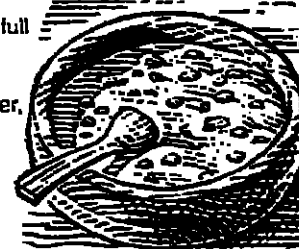
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Your location is not important, as you will be expected to spend about 30% of your time abroad, but you must be able to travel to our head office in Scotland regularly.

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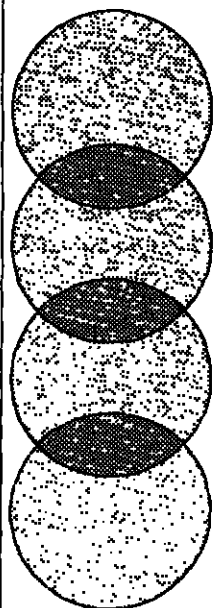
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Temporary workers make up 6 per cent of the UK workforce, according to the Department of Employment's latest Labour Force Survey. Up to now they have been concentrated well below management level, but that is changing.

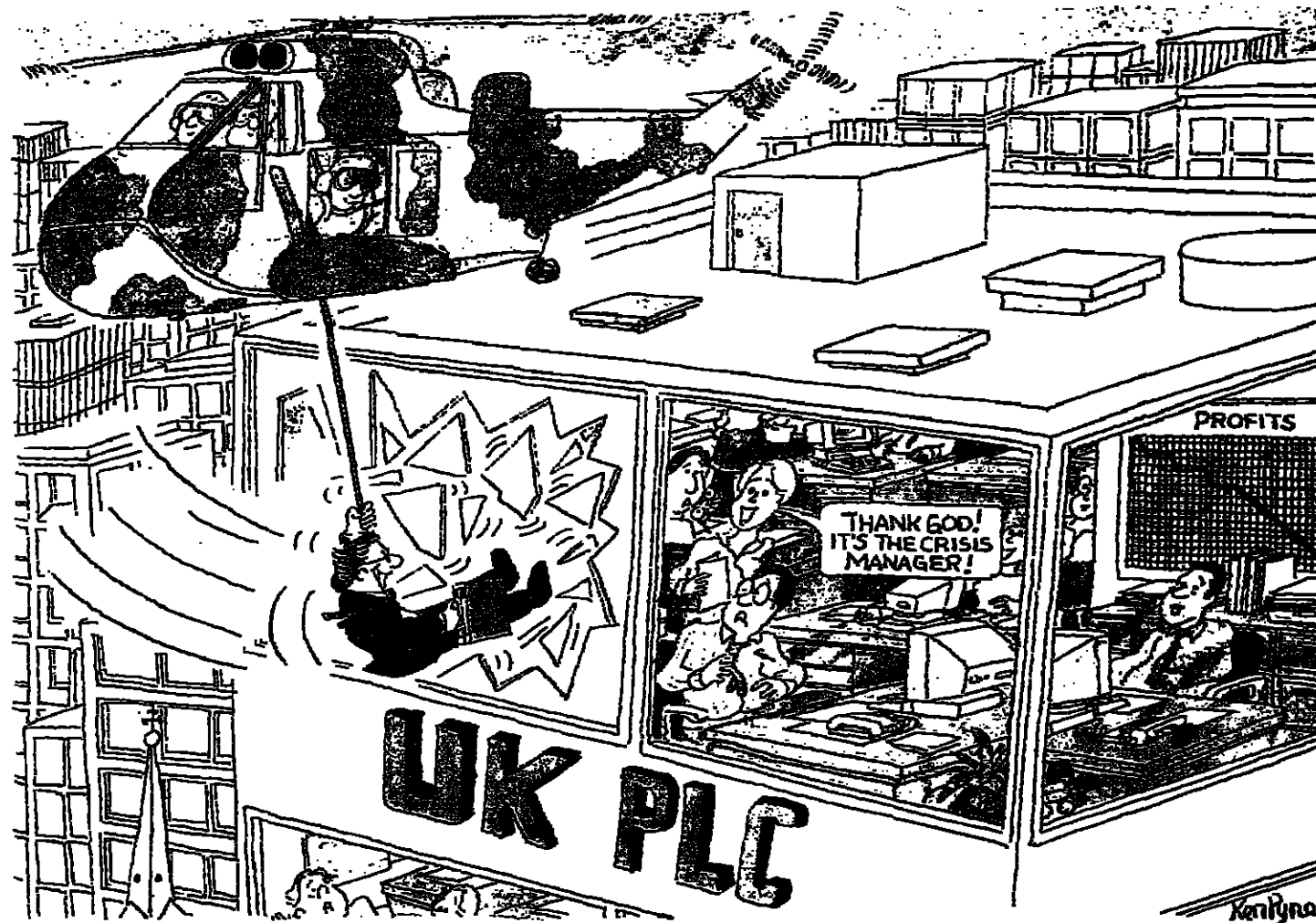
The Association of Temporary and Interim Executive Services (ATIES), a trade body representing interim management firms, reports "a noticeable increase" in corporate enquiries to its members.

Interim management, or executive leasing as it is also known, is an amalgam of trouble-shooting, company doctoring, consultancy and straightforward temporary work. It operates on similar lines to office temping, its distant cousin.

The Executive Grapevine's Directory Of Interim Management (price, £18; details, 081-318 4462), lists 70 interim management firms. These firms maintain a register of executives, from which they supply an individual or a shortlist to clients at short notice for assignments. These may be full-time or part-time, lasting from a few weeks to several months. As well as being quickly accessed, the employment of interim managers can be terminated quickly and without penalty.

A typical use of interim management is when someone leaves unexpectedly and in circumstances where there is no time for the lengthy process of finding a permanent replacement. When the transport division of The Crown Suppliers lost its finance director while in the throes of negotiating privatisation, someone was needed who could take over the job for several months, and who could combine financial expertise with relevant sector knowledge. A tall order, but GMS Consultancy, an interim management firm, came up with Keith Archbold, a chartered accountant with 20 years of board-level experience in a major vehicle business.

Other firms say that crisis management is an area in which interim management can provide



the ideal solution. Carl Hague of Praxis, a Birmingham-based interim management firm, says it is like fire-fighting, calling for fast action by experienced operators.

When an electronics multi-national recently found heavy losses mounting in its French subsidiary, it turned to a British interim management provider, Robert Walters Associates, which put in Peter Hawkins, a French-speaking 45-year-old with a relevant background in electronics. Some months into his new assignment, Mr Hawkins has stopped the rot and thinks the French company will be in profit next year, at which point he will hand over to a permanent successor.

Mr Hawkins admits that one of the secrets of being a good crisis manager is a willingness to shed blood. "I never take on a job unless I am named acting managing director, with full responsibility to hire and fire," he says. "Unless you

get the right people in place, you cannot get anything done."

Once the dead wood has been cleared, the next stage is to build on what is left. Mr Hawkins argues that for this, an interim manager needs to have industry and product knowledge.

"You're generally brought in because of a financial problem, but that's only the symptom. The underlying problems of this particular company were bound up with its product range and its marketing, which is where my experience of the electronics business came in," he says.

An advantage that interim managers have over management consultants is their range and experience. Martin Wood, the head of PA Consulting Group's executive leasing division, explains: "Management consultants are primarily concerned with analysing situa-

tions and recommending courses of action. When the job calls for implementation over a limited time span, it's a task for an interim manager."

From the corporate point of view, the rigorous pre-selection procedures used by interim management firms provide a measure of quality assurance. For the individual, the advantages are in the marketing of one's services and in the operational back-up available.

"When you're on an assignment it's very difficult to make time to look for the next job," explains Alan Gorrington, an accountant currently working through Albemarle Interim Management Services on the development of budgetary systems for one of the civil service bodies being turned into entrepreneurially orientated executive agencies.

Some interim managers do, however criticise the quality of marketing carried out by intermediaries. That is why a venture

recently started by Bill Penney, a pioneer of interim management, may fill a need. Questor Management Resources aims to provide clients with a nationwide database of information "of those pursuing portfolio careers of short-term temporary or long-term part-time assignments". With many high-quality managers on the market, and companies still uncertain about their future, his timing looks good.

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LIFE AFTER REDUNDANCY

Lost leaders need fresh directions

It may be lonely at the top, but it's even lonelier when you're no longer there. David Shaw recalls the feeling of isolation when his job as managing director of a large manufacturing unit of a leading international company became "superfluous" due to head office restructuring. "There was no one to compare notes with, or confide in," he says. "I felt a failure, and completely alone because of my position."

Peter Morgan, director general of the Institute of Directors, claims that "the recession has created an urgent need to extend practical help to directors experiencing job losses". The IoD has set up a scheme which claims to be the first outplacement counselling available for individuals rather than companies.

Company directors are offered a series of programmes that include job-search facilities, one-to-one counselling, advice on personal development and assistance in progressing their career, even counselling during the crucial first three months of a new post. The cost ranges from £1,500 to £6,000.

Many larger companies offer generous redundancy packages to their directors, but when a business goes bankrupt, the senior executives, along with their employees, can be in severe financial straits.

Veronica Lane, senior psychologist at Pauline Hyde and Associates, describes outplacement services as a "major investment in working towards getting a new job".

But does a director with considerable business experience need expensive advice? The fact that a person has been successful and reached a senior post in a company means that he or she can be particularly vulnerable when redundancy hits.

"Often the managing director and main board are removed when a company collapses or is taken over," Ms Lane says, "and this brings a great sense of

failure. A high-flying executive often ties in his or her own self-image with the status of the job, and when that goes, so does a sense of identity."

David Shaw was stunned when he became redundant. "One day I was in charge, the next day I was nobody," he says. "I felt bitter towards the organisation for repaying hard work and loyalty with what I saw as betrayal."

Ms Lane confirms that anger is a natural part of the emotional pattern after redundancy. Many directors, when they are first made redundant, believe that as soon as it becomes known they are available the job offers will come rolling in — or that they will be offered the first job for which they apply. Depression often follows disillusion. Yet every executive, Veronica Lane says, has a unique selling point. "Faced with a row of financial directors," she explains, "you would find that each has very different talents."

One may be analytical and a brilliant "number cruncher" while another is a strategic thinker, and a third would make a good planner or general manager because he or she is more interested in the whole business world.

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● The Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED (071-539 1233); Pauline Hyde and Associates, 20 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3ED (071-242 4875).

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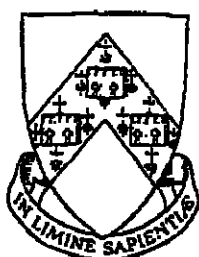
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 9.05 *Perfect Strangers*. American comedy series starring Bronson Pinchot and Mark Linn-Baker as long-lost cousins (1643614) 9.30 *Today's Gourmet*. Chef Jacques Pepin prepares gratin of scallops, ragout of rabbit with cornmeal au gratin and salad, followed by fresh fruit with minted apricot fondue (27091)
 10.00 News, regional news and weather (6282275) 10.05 *Playdays*. Entertainment from Leicester for the young (14412508) 10.25 *Stompin' and Tidyup*. Animation narrated by Terry Wogan (6285352) 10.35 *Discovering Animals*. Britain's native species of deer — the red, the roe and the fallow (14555362)
 11.00 News, regional news and weather (9006430) 11.05 *Travel Show*. The first of two programmes looking at what southern California has to offer the holidaymaker (1). (Cee-fax) (7340463) 11.35 *The Hogan Family*. American comedy series (4825256)
 12.00 News, regional news and weather (7150324) 12.05 *Summer Scene*. Magazine series presented by Caron Keating and Linda Mitchell from the National Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale (860614) 12.55 *Regional News* and weather (60097188)
 1.00 *One O'Clock News*. (Cee-fax) (81362) 1.30 *Neighbours*. (Cee-fax) (59853411)
 1.50 *Tennis*. Live coverage of the Stella Artois championships, from Queen's Club, London. The commentators are John Barrett, Mark Cox and Paul Hutchins. Continued on BBC2 (5948979)
 3.50 *Pingu*. Animated adventures of a dumpy penguin (14418701) 3.55 *Chuddelevision* (1) (9329411) 4.15 *Watt on Earth*. Episode eight of the 12-part science fiction comedy thriller (1) (7071986) 4.30 *Uncle Jack and Operation Green*. Episode one of a six-part comedy drama (1) (Cee-fax) (1457527)
 4.55 *Newsround* (645850) 5.05 *Blue Peter*. With Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Cee-fax) (1198625) 5.35 *Neighbours* (1). (Cee-fax) (1) (999459) Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
 6.00 *Six O'Clock News* with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Cee-fax) (837546)
 6.20 *Regional News* (843102). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
 6.30 *EastEnders*. (Cee-fax) (1140)
 7.00 *European Football Championship*. Live coverage of England's opening group one game against Denmark, late substitute for Yugoslavia, in Malmö. Introduced by Desmond Lynam with studio comment from Jimmy Hill and Terry Venables. The commentators are John Motson and Trevor Bolding (2842324)
 9.10 *News* with Michael Buerk. (Cee-fax) Regional news and weather (412661)
 9.40 *Pomridge: Happy Release*. The best sitcom on television, even if it is 16 years old. This is a famous episode in which Ronnie Barker's Fletcher breaks his leg and finds himself in the prison hospital next to Blanco (David Jason). To put one over a fellow prisoner they cook up a scheme involving buried loot (1). (Cee-fax) (475121)



The Labour cause: leadership contender John Smith (10.10pm)

- 10.10 *Question Time* chaired by Peter Sissons in Derby. The panel is Ian Hay Davison and MPs Edwina Currie, John Smith and Paddy Ashdown (754633). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 10.40 *Question Time*
 11.10 *Paradise*. Western drama series (937324). Northern Ireland 11.40-12.25 *Paradise* (446782) 12.00 *Weather* (5160164)

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BBC2

- 6.45 *Open University: Man-Made Macromolecules* (9319169). Ends at 7.10
 8.00 *BBC Breakfast News* (1345614)
 8.15 *Westminster*. A roundup of business from both Houses (6830850) 9.00 *Revolution*. John Fitzmaurice Mills with advice on cleaning and repairing antique toys (1). (Cee-fax) (1750898)
 9.05 *Daytime on 2*. Educational programmes
 2.00 *News* and weather (2803986) followed by *You and Me* (1) (57458578) 2.15 *Travel Show*. Portugal's Oporto and Douro Valley (1) (10378797) 2.20 *It's Ellen*. A profile of Ellen Allen who looks after six relatives, including her difficult mother-in-law, all aged over 80 (1) (6928699)
 3.00 *News* and weather (1718614) followed by *Westminster Live*. Interviewed by Julian Whith (5766275) 3.50 *News*, regional news and weather (4824527)
 4.00 *Tennis*. Live coverage of the Stella Artois championships, continued from BBC1 (975091)
 6.30 *Bearing Retreat*. Eric Robson is the commentator as the Massed Bands of the Royal Air Force celebrate the fifty anniversary of the RAF Regiment on Horse Guards Parade (38140)
 7.30 *Business Matters: The Miracle Workers*.
 ● CHOICE: Singapore is the scene of the Isle of Wight and Hong Kong half as big as Surrey and neither has any natural resources. Yet these two former British colonies can boast an economic performance which puts that of the mother country to shame. As a backdrop, the British left in 1959 Singapore has no unemployment and the highest Asian standard of living outside Japan. Hong Kong is a booming temple to capitalism in which self-made millionaires make their piles and then buy estates of British commerce such as Harvey Nichols. David Lomax's report finds a common desire to work hard and seize opportunities but is mainly concerned to point the contrast between interventionist Singapore and laissez-faire Hong Kong, which is regulated at every level, and free market Hong Kong. (Cee-fax) (956)
 8.00 *On the Line*. Investigative sports series presented by John Fashanu. This week's edition looks at pigeon racing, under threat from predatory peregrine falcons who kill the birds in flight, and examines violence on the sports field — are thugs being allowed to get away with too much? (7701)
 8.30 *Deadly Day*. Cr. Victor Nighty Life. David Attenborough looks at nocturnal creatures (1). (Cee-fax) (3508)
 9.00 *Rab C. Nesbitt*. The near incomprehensible Gorbals guru with more worldly observations. Thank Heavens for the Cee-fax subtitling. Starring Gregor Fisher (3332)



Rational man? Working for the Soviet dream (9.30pm)

- 9.30 *Pandora's Box: The Engineers' Plot*.
 ● CHOICE: A Pandora's box, according to Brewer's excellent dictionary, is a present which seems valuable but is really a curse. In this new series the term is applied to 20th-century science, with reference tonight to the Soviet Union. In 1917 science was seen as a great liberating force, creating a brave new world in which everyone would be equal and free. The Soviet dream was to use science and technology to construct a new kind of rational human being, part of a social machine which the state could control. It soon ended in tears, destroyed by bourgeois, power politics and the reluctance of Soviet citizens to act rationally. The programme points up some of the wilder absurdities, such as setting production targets for such items as toothbrushes, tights and even coffins which would be met whatever the actual demand. (Cee-fax) (96237)
 10.30 *Newsnight* with Francine Stork and Peter Snow (403782)
 11.15 *The Late Show*. The guests include the feminist-baiting American critic Camille Paglia (1) (13817)
 11.55 *Weekend Outlook*. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (5191034)
 12.00 *Open University: Evaluating Outcomes* (3239928). Ends at 12.35
 3.00 *RCN Nursing Update* (55270). Ends at 4.00

ITV

- 6.00 *TV-am* (7854051)
 9.25 *Cross Wits*. Word quiz game hosted by Tom O'Connor (6430898) 9.55 *Thames News* (150655)
 10.00 *Out of This World*. American comedy series about a teenage girl with an alien father and a human mother (1) (28782)
 10.30 *This Morning*. Magazine series (48316140)
 12.10 *The Riddlers*. Puppets series for children (1) (1363661)
 12.30 *Lunchtime News* with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) (1814652) 1.30 *Australian Practice*. Medical drama serial set in a small Australian coastal town (1) (6811621)
 2.20 *The Green Line Guide*. Daily Sanyou and Alastair MacDonald look at the Highlands (7548072) 2.30 *The High Road*. Soap set in the Highlands (7548072)
 3.15 *ITN News* headlines (9188931) 3.20 *Thames News* headlines (9188934) 3.25 *The Young Doctors*. Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (3072237)
 3.55 *Hudley Pig*. Animation (1) (4910324) 4.05 *T-Bag and the Pearls of Wisdom*. Children's comedy drama (1) (4428188) 4.30 *Rolf's Cartoon Club* (1) (661) 5.00 *Cartoon Time* (9982091)
 5.10 *Who's The Boss?* American comedy series starring Tony Danza (4243594)
 5.40 *Early Evening News* with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) (137782) 5.55 *Thames News* (1) (450211)
 6.00 *Home and Away* (1). (Oracle) (256) 6.30 *Thames News*. (Oracle) (508)



Granny pageant: Richard Thorp takes the mike (7.00pm)

- 7.00 *Emmerdale*. Alan Turner (Richard Thorp) judges the Glamorous Granny competition at the Hotten Show. (Oracle) (2879)
 7.30 *The Full Treatment*. The health programme looks at self-administered osteopathy and an amusing new approach to dealing with severe pain in the elderly. Presented by Josephine Buchan, with doctors Hilary Jones, Roy MacGregor and Rob Holden (1) (492)
 8.00 *The Bill: World to Rights*. WPC Marshall, on attachment to the Domestic Violence Unit, answers a desperate call and finds herself in danger. Starring Lynne Kimber. (Oracle) (1327)
 8.30 *This Week: The Bishop and the Brother Keeper*. The Dutch have legalised their flourishing prostitution industry and next week the Mothers' Union will announce whether its members support legalisation in Britain. The Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore and Lydia Gladwyn of the IAU travel to Amsterdam to meet and talk to the girls and manager of "Club Love", the city's celebrated brothel. (Oracle) (3362)
 9.00 *LA Law*. Glossy American courtroom drama series. (Oracle) (1) (459)
 10.00 *News* at Ten with Trevor McDonald and, in Ro reporting on the Earth summit, Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) (72053) 10.30 *Thames News* (720527)
 10.40 *European Football Championship*. Highlights of England's opening group one game against Denmark in Malmö and a preview of tomorrow's games between Holland and Scotland and CIS v Germany (502492)
 11.30 *01*. Includes Richard O'Brien reviewing the film version of Stephen King's *The Lawnmower Man* (1) (614256)
 12.05 *Sam A Problem Aired*. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts (322454)
 12.35 *Alfred Hitchcock Presents: My Dear Watson*. Watson and Holmes take on Professor Moriarty (8037947)
 1.05 *Film: Doctor Francis Gaillard* (1975) starring Annie Girardot. Sentimental French drama about a doctor who has a series of love affairs (1) (1459) 1.45 *America's Top Ten* (1) (614256)
 2.00 *Handball*. The pilot episode of the American police drama series (1) (7812)
 4.30 *America's Top Ten* (1) (614256)
 5.00 *Videofashion* (1) (99744)
 5.30 *ITN Morning News* with Phil Roman (11893). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 *Channel 4 Daily* (1862633)
 9.25 *Schools* (84089140)
 12.00 *The Parliament Programme* introduced by Anne Perkins (79966)
 12.30 *Business Daily*. The latest news and analysis from the world's financial centres (21817)
 1.00 *Sesame Street*. Entertaining pre-school learning series (1) (19072)
 2.00 *Film: Love Crazy* (1941). B&W starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. Hecic comedy about a husband who fears insanity to prevent his wife from divorcing him. Directed by Jack Conway (412324)
 3.50 *Automania 2000*. Holes and Bitchol's 1963 animation about life with the motor car (1) (1491965)
 4.00 *Check Out '92*. A look at prostate cancer (1) (13121)
 4.30 *Fifteen to One*. Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quiz game, presented by William G. Stewart (633)
 5.00 *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. The guests are parents accompanied by their uncontrollable teenage children (51574921)
 5.55 *Laurel and Hardy*. Cartoon (548053)
 6.00 *My Two Dads*. Dine American comedy about two bachelors who "inherit" a teenage daughter (1) (Teletext) (858)
 6.30 *Tales from the Pooch Deck*. Episode three of the six-part comedy adventures of Blackbeard the pirate starring Helen Atkinson Wood and narrated by Griff Rhys Jones (1) (Teletext) (850)
 7.00 *Channel 4 News* with Jon Snow and Zornab Badawa. (Teletext) (528362)
 7.50 *Comment* (704324)
 8.00 *The Black Bag: A Legal Racket*. A documentary investigation into some of the operators who may exploit the people they claim to help in dealing with the complexities of British law. The programme features people whose lives have been put at risk by deportation as a result of the advice they received from their commercial advisers (1) (6169)
 8.30 *The Crystal Maze*. Six more intrepid contestants face challenges by the maze-master Richard O'Brien (1) (57985)



Murder trial: Lyman Ward defends his brother (9.30pm)

- 9.30 *True Stories: Brother's Keeper*.
 ● CHOICE: A long but intriguing documentary from the United States homes in on the four Ward brothers, dairy farmers in New York state. They are elderly, uneducated and live in a cluttered two-room shack without modern comforts. When Bill is found dead, Delbert, who shared his bed since they were boys, is accused of murder. The police case is that Delbert suffocated his brother, who had been suffering severe pain, to put him out of further misery. Delbert denies it and the villagers rally round him, raising money for his defence. The film establishes the contrast between this simple-minded, slow-talking countryman with his baseball cap and whiskers and the sharp-suited city detectives. It does seem a case, as one local says, of us and them. The climax is Delbert's trial, where the cameras follow step by step. (Teletext) (376072)
 11.15 *Sumo*. Last in the Japanese wrestling series (1) (368614)
 11.45 *The Bridge*. The last of the six-part series set in a small Dutch town on the eve of the second world war. In Dutch with English subtitles (559695)
 12.40 *Film: Benny's Place* (1982) starring Louis Gossett Jr and Cicely Tyson. A powerful made-for-television drama about an elderly businessman who feels his job and status are being threatened by younger men. Directed by Michael Schultz (880725). Ends at 2.25

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